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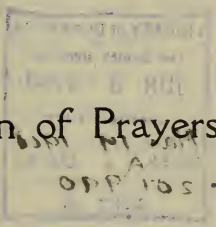

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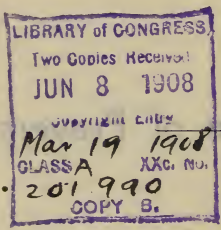

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PREFACE.

THE Manual of Devotions here presented to the Public was compiled chiefly to meet the wants of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. It had been suggested that such a book would be very acceptable to the Sisters, as it would give them, in one convenient volume, not only the Exercises usually performed in the Community, but also many other Prayers, Litanies, Novenas, Instructions, &c., suited to the different festivals of the year, and to the varied wants or the special devotion of each person.

A Manual of this kind, it is believed, may find a welcome also in other Religious Communities, and prove itself perhaps better adapted to their wants than any other of the many Prayer Books which have been hitherto published in this country.

The volume may, in fine, recommend itself also to persons living in the world;

and we would call their attention to it, in the hope that they will derive from its use encouragement and consolation in the practices of the spiritual life.

And if our Lord should deign to bless this little book, and enable it to increase the piety of those who will adopt it, and smooth for them the path of Christian virtue or of religious perfection, we shall be more than repaid for our labor in its compilation.

REV. D. RUSSELL.

Nazareth, Kentucky, May 30, 1875.

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The Roman Calendar.

THE Calendar is a Table containing the Feasts which are kept during the year. They are of two sorts: some are affixed to certain days, and are called *immovable;* others have no fixed days, and are called *movable.*

The *immovable feasts* have been carefully distinguished in the Calendar. Those which are of obligation are printed in large capitals; those of peculiar devotion in smaller ones; the others in ordinary round type.

Most of the *movable feasts* depend upon the feast of Easter, which is regulated by the full moon of the vernal equinox. A compendious table of these feasts is here affixed. The first Council of Nice, held in the year 325, decreed that the feast of Easter should be celebrated on the Sunday following the full moon, which falls either on the 21st of March (which was looked upon, at that time, as the day of the equinox), or on the days following, till the 18th of April. Hence, if the full moon fall on the 21st of March and this be a Saturday, the next day will be Easter Sunday. But if it fall on the 20th, this moon will not be considered the paschal moon: the next full moon only, which will be on the 18th of April, can be reckoned such. Should this 18th of April be a Sunday, Easter would be the Sunday following, or the 25th of April. Easter, then, can be no later than the 25th of April, nor earlier than the 22d of March.

The Dominical letters are used to indicate the Sundays throughout the year. They are seven in number, corresponding to the seven days of the week, and are changed annually. In leap year, two are set down. The first indicates the Sundays till the 25th of February—the other, during the remaining part of the year.

The Golden Number is contained in a cycle of 19 years. In this cycle, the new moons return, in a regular succession, to the same days in which they were in the preceding cycle. Hence the different numbers of the Epact, which is used to designate the new moon, and to determine the feast of Easter, always correspond with the same Golden Numbers in every cycle.

JANUARY.

1	A	CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD.
2	b	S. Fulgentius, Bishop and Confessor.
3	c	S. Genevieve, Virgin.
4	d	Octave of Holy Innocents.
5	e	S. Telesphorus, Pope and Martyr.
6	f	EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.
7	g	S. Lucian, Priest and Martyr.
8	A	S. Severinus, Bishop of Naples.
9	b	SS. Julian and Basilla, Martyrs.
10	c	S. William, Archbishop of Bourges.
11	d	S. Hyginus, Pope and Martyr.
12	e	S. Tatiana, Martyr.
13	f	S. Veronica of Milan, Virgin.
14	g	S. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers.
15	A	S. Paul, first Hermit.
16	b	S. Marcellus, Pope and Martyr.
17	c	S. Anthony, Abbot.
18	d	Chair of St. Peter at Rome.
19	e	S. Canute, King of Denmark, Martyr.
20	f	SS. Fabian and Sebastian, Martyrs.
21	g	S. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr.
22	A	SS. Vincent and Anastasius, Martyrs.
23	b	Espousals of the Blessed Virgin.
24	c	S. Timothy, Bishop and Martyr.
25	d	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle.
26	e	S. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr.
27	f	S. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor.
28	g	S. Agnes, the second time.
29	A	S. Francis of Sales, Bishop.
30	b	S. Martina, Virgin and Martyr.
31	c	S. Peter Nolasco, Confessor.

On the second Sunday after Epiphany, the MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

FEBRUARY.

1	d	S. Ignatius, Bishop and Martyr.
2	e	PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
3	f	S. Blase, Bishop and Martyr.
4	g	S. Andrew Corsini, Bishop.
5	A	S. Philip of Jesus, Martyr.
6	b	S. Titus, Bishop of Crete.
7	c	S. Romuald, Abbot.
8	d	S. John of Matha, Confessor.
9	e	S. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor.
10	f	S. Scholastica, Virgin.
11	g	The seven founders of the Servites of B. V. M., Conf.
12	A	S. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr.
13	b	S. Raymond of Pennafort, Confessor.
14	c	S. Valentine, Priest and Martyr.
15	d	SS. Faustinus and Jovita, Martyrs.
16	e	S. Onesimus, Bishop of Ephesus, Martyr.
17	f	S. Theodulus, Martyr.
18	g	S. Simeon, Bishop of Jerusalem and Martyr.
19	A	S. Mansuetus, Bishop of Milan and Confessor.
20	b	S. Eucherius, Bishop and Confessor.
21	c	S. Severianus, Bishop and Martyr.
22	d	Chair of St. Peter, at Antioch.
23	e	(Vigil.) S. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor.
24	f	S. Matthias, Apostle, *in leap years on the 25th.*
25	g	S. Felix, Pope and Confessor.
26	A	S. Alexander, Bishop of Alexandria, Confessor.
27	b	S. Leander, Bishop of Seville, Confessor.
28	c	S. Romanus, Abbot.
29	d	S. Oswald, Bishop of Worcester, Confessor.

MARCH.

1	d	S. Albinus, Bishop and Confessor.
2	e	S. Simplicius, Pope and Confessor.
3	f	S. Cunegundes, Virgin.
4	g	S. Casimir, Confessor.
5	A	S. Phocas, Martyr.
6	b	SS. Victor and Companions, Martyrs.
7	c	S. Thomas of Aquino, Confessor and Doctor.
8	d	S. John of God, Confessor.
9	e	S. Frances, Widow.
10	f	The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste.
11	g	S. Eulogius, Priest and Martyr.
12	A	S. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor.
13	b	S. Euphrasia, Virgin.
14	c	S. Mathilda, Widow.
15	d	S. Longinus, Martyr.
16	e	S. Abraham, Hermit.
17	f	S. Patrick, Bishop, Apostle of Ireland.
18	g	S. Gabriel, Archangel.
19	A	S. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE B. V. MARY.
20	b	S. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor.
21	c	S. Benedict, Abbot.
22	d	S. Basil, Priest and Martyr.
23	e	S. Edward, King of England, Martyr.
24	f	S. Cuthbert, Bishop and Confessor.
25	g	ANNUNCIATION OF THE B. V. MARY.
26	A	S. Ludger, Bishop and Confessor.
27	b	S. John Damascene, Confessor and Doctor.
28	c	S. John of Capistrano, Confessor.
29	d	S. Cyrillus, Deacon and Martyr.
30	e	S. John Climacus, Abbot.
31	f	S. Balbina, Virgin.

On Friday before Palm-Sunday, the Feast of the COMPASSION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

APRIL.

1	g	S. Hugh, Bishop of Grenoble, Confessor.
2	A	S. Francis of Paula, Confessor.
3	b	S. Richard, Bishop and Confessor.
4	c	S. Isidore, Bishop of Seville and Doctor.
5	d	S. Vincent Ferrer, Confessor.
6	e	S. Celestine I., Pope and Confessor.
7	f	S. Hegesippus, Confessor.
8	g	S. Dionysius, Bishop of Corinth.
9	A	S. Mary Cleophas, Sister of the B. Virgin Mary
10	b	S. Macarius, Bishop of Antioch, Confessor.
11	c	S. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor.
12	d	S. Victor, Martyr.
13	e	S. Hermenegild, Martyr.
14	f	S. Justin, Martyr.
15	g	SS. Basilissa and Anastasia, Martyrs.
16	A	S. Lambert, Martyr.
17	b	S. Anicetus, Pope and Martyr.
18	c	S. Perfectus, Priest and Martyr.
19	d	S. Timon, Deacon and Martyr.
20	e	S. Agnes, Virgin.
21	f	S. Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury and Doctor.
22	g	SS. Soter and Caius, Popes and Martyrs.
23	A	S. George, Martyr
24	b	S. Fidelis, Martyr.
25	c	S. MARK, THE EVANGELIST.
26	d	SS. Cletus and Marcellinus, Popes and Martyrs.
27	e	S. Turibius, Bishop of Lima.
28	f	S. Paul of the Cross, Confessor.
29	g	S. Peter, Martyr.
30	A	S. Catharine of Sienna, Virgin.

On the third Sunday after Easter, PATRONAGE OF ST. JOSEPH.

MAY.

1	b	SS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES.
2	c	S. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Doctor.
3	d	FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS.
4	e	S. Monica, Widow.
5	f	S. Pius V., Pope and Confessor.
6	g	S. John the Apostle, before the Latin Gate.
7	A	S. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr.
8	b	Apparition of S. Michael, the Archangel.
9	c	S. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop and Doctor.
10	d	S. Antoninus, Bishop of Florence.
11	e	S. Mamertus, Bishop of Vienna, Confessor.
12	f	SS. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs.
13	g	S. John the Silent, Hermit.
14	A	S. Boniface, Martyr.
15	b	SS. Torquatus and his companions, Martyrs.
16	c	S. Ubald, Bishop.
17	d	S. Paschal, Confessor.
18	e	S. Venantius, Martyr.
19	f	S. Peter Celestine, Pope.
20	g	S. Bernardin of Sienna, Confessor.
21	A	S. Valens, Bishop and Martyr.
22	b	S. John Nepomucen, Martyr.
23	c	S. Desiderius, Bishop and Martyr.
24	d	Feast of B. Virgin Mary, as Help of Christians.
25	e	S. Gregory VII., Pope and Confessor.
26	f	S. Philip of Neri, Confessor.
27	g	S. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi, Virgin.
28	A	S. Germanus, Bishop of Paris, Confessor.
29	b	S. Maximus, Bishop of Triers, Confessor.
30	c	S. Felix, Pope and Martyr. S. Emily.
31	d	S. Angela Merici, Virgin.

On Friday next to the Octave of Corpus Christi, the Feast of the SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

JUNE.

1	e	S. Pamphilus, Priest and Martyr.
2	f	SS. Marcellus and Peter, Martyrs.
3	g	S. Clotildis, Queen of France.
4	A	S. Francis Caracciolo, Confessor.
5	b	S. Boniface, Bishop, Apostle of Germany.
6	c	S. Norbert, Bishop of Magdeburgh.
7	d	S. Robert, Abbot.
8	e	S. Medardus, Bishop and Confessor.
9	f	SS. Primus and Felicianus, Martyrs.
10	g	S. Margaret, Queen of Scotland.
11	A	S. Barnabas, Apostle.
12	b	S. John a San Facundo, Confessor.
13	c	S. Anthony of Padua, Confessor.
14	d	S. Basil the Great, Bishop and Doctor.
15	e	SS. Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia, Martyrs.
16	f	S. John Francis Regis, Confessor.
17	g	S. Avitus, Priest and Confessor.
18	A	SS. Marcus and Marcellianus, Martyrs.
19	b	S. Juliana of Falconieri, Virgin.
20	c	S. Silverius, Pope and Martyr.
21	d	S. Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor.
22	e	S. Paulinus, Bishop of Nola.
23	f	S. Agrippina, Virgin and Martyr. Vigil.
24	g	NATIVITY OF S. JOHN THE BAPTIST.
25	A	S. William, Abbot.
26	b	SS. John and Paul, Martyrs.
27	c	S. Crescent, Bishop and Martyr.
28	d	S. Irenæus, Bishop and Martyr. Vigil.
29	e	SS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES.
30	f	Commemoration of St. Paul.

JULY.

1	g	Octave of S. John the Baptist.
2	A	VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
3	b	S. Leo II., Pope and Confessor.
4	c	S. Flavian, Bishop of Antioch.
5	d	SS. Cyril and Methodius, Bishops and Confessors.
6	e	Octave of SS. Peter and Paul.
7	f	S. Pulcheria, Virgin.
8	g	S. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal.
9	A	S. Cyrillus, Bishop of Gortyna, Martyr.
10	b	The Seven Brethren, Martyrs.
11	c	S. Pius I., Pope and Martyr.
12	d	S. John Gualbert, Abbot.
13	e	S. Anacletus, Pope and Martyr.
14	f	S. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor.
15	g	S. Henry, Emperor, Confessor.
16	A	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL.
17	b	S. Alexius, Confessor.
18	c	S. Camillus of Lellis, Confessor.
19	d	S. VINCENT OF PAUL, CONFESSOR.
20	e	S. Jerome Æmilian, Confessor.
21	f	S. Praxedes, Virgin.
22	g	S. Mary Magdalen.
23	A	S. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr.
24	b	S. Francis Solano, Confessor.
25	c	S. JAMES THE APOSTLE.
26	d	S. Ann, Mother of the Blessed Virgin.
27	e	S. Pantaleon, Martyr.
28	f	SS. Nazarius, Celsus, and others, Martyrs.
29	g	S. Martha, Virgin.
30	A	SS. Abdon and Sennen, Martyrs.
31	b	S. Ignatius, Founder of the Society of Jesus.

AUGUST.

1	c	S. Peter's Chains.
2	d	S. Alphonsus M. Liguori, Bishop.
3	e	Finding of the Relics of S. Stephen, first Martyr.
4	f	S. Dominick, Confessor.
5	g	Dedication of S. Mary, *ad Nives*.
6	A	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD.
7	b	S. Cajetan, Confessor.
8	c	SS. Cyriacus, Largus, and Smaragdus, Martyrs.
9	d	S. Romanus, Martyr.
10	e	S. Lawrence, Martyr.
11	f	SS. Tiburtius and Susanna, Martyrs.
12	g	S. Clara, Virgin.
13	A	SS. Hippolytus and Cassianus, Martyrs.
14	b	S. Eusebius, Confessor. Vigil with Fast.
15	c	ASSUMPTION OF THE B. VIRGIN MARY.
16	d	S. Hyacinthus, Confessor.
17	e	Octave of S. Lawrence.
18	f	S. Helen, Mother of Constantine the Great.
19	g	S. Lewis, Bishop of Toulouse, Confessor.
20	A	S. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor.
21	b	S. Jane Frances de Chantal, Widow.
22	c	Octave of the Assumption.
23	d	S. Philip Beniti, Confessor.
24	e	S. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE.
25	f	S. Lewis, King of France, Confessor.
26	g	S. Zephyrinus, Pope and Martyr.
27	A	S. Joseph Calasanctius, Confessor.
28	b	S. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor.
29	c	Beheading of S. John the Baptist.
30	d	S. Rose of Lima, Virgin.
31	e	S. Raymund Nonnatus, Confessor.

On the Sunday within the Octave of the Assumption, the Feast of ST. JOACHIM, the Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SEPTEMBER.

1	f	S. Giles, Abbot.
2	g	S. Stephen, King of Hungary, Confessor.
3	A	S. Simeon Stylites, Confessor.
4	b	S. Rosalia, Virgin.
5	c	S. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop of Venice.
6	d	S. Onesiphorus, Martyr.
7	e	S. Regina, Virgin and Martyr.
8	f	NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
9	g	S. Gorgonius, Martyr.
10	A	S. Nicholas Tolentine, Confessor.
11	b	SS. Protus and Hyacinthus, Martyrs.
12	c	S. Juventius, Bishop and Doctor.
13	d	S. Amatus, Abbot.
14	e	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.
15	f	S. Nicodemus, Martyr.
16	g	SS. Cornelius and Cyprian, Bishops and Martyrs.
17	A	Stigmata of S. Francis.
18	b	S. Joseph of Cupertino, Confessor.
19	c	SS. Januarius, Bishop, and companions, Martyrs.
20	d	SS. Eustachius and his companions, Martyrs.
21	e	S. MATTHEW, APOSTLE.
22	f	S. Thomas of Villanova, Confessor.
23	g	S. Linus, Pope and Martyr.
24	A	Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *de Mercede*.
25	b	S. Cleophas, Martyr.
26	c	SS. Cyprian and Justina, Martyrs.
27	d	SS. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs.
28	e	S. Wenceslaus, Duke of Bohemia, Martyr.
29	f	S. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.
30	g	S. Jerome, Priest and Doctor.

On the Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity, the Feast of the HOLY NAME OF MARY; and the Sunday following, the Feast of the SEVEN DOLORS.

OCTOBER.

1	A	S. Remigius, Bishop of Rheims.
2	b	THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS.
3	c	S. Candidus, Martyr.
4	d	S. Francis of Assisium, Confessor.
5	e	SS. Placidus and companions, Martyrs.
6	f	S. Bruno, Confessor.
7	g	S. Mark, Pope and Confessor.
8	A	S. Bridget, Widow.
9	b	S. Dionysius and companions, Martyrs.
10	c	S. Francis Borgia, Confessor.
11	d	S. Germanus, Bishop and Martyr.
12	e	S. Wilfrid, Bishop and Confessor.
13	f	S. Edward, King of England, Confessor.
14	g	S. Calistus, Pope and Martyr.
15	A	S. Teresa, Virgin.
16	b	S. Lullus, Bishop of Mentz.
17	c	S. Hedwiges, Widow.
18	d	S. LUKE THE EVANGELIST.
19	e	S. Peter of Alcantara, Confessor.
20	f	S. John Cantius, Confessor.
21	g	S. Hilarion, Abbot.
22	A	S. Mark, Bishop of Jerusalem, Martyr.
23	b	S. Ignatius, Bishop of Constantinople, Martyr.
24	c	S. Raphael, the Archangel.
25	d	SS. Chrysanthus and Daria, Martyrs.
26	e	S. Evaristus, Pope and Martyr.
27	f	S. Flarentinus, Martyr.
28	g	SS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES.
29	A	S. Theodorus, Abbot.
30	b	S. Serapion, Bishop and Confessor.
31	c	SS. Nemesius and Lucillus, Martyrs. Vigil; Fast.

The first Sunday of October, the Feast of the HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY; and the third Sunday, the Feast of HER MOTHERHOOD.

NOVEMBER.

1	d	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.
2	e	COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS.
3	f	S. Malachy, Bishop of Armagh.
4	g	S. Charles Borromeo, Bishop and Confessor.
5	A	S. Elizabeth, Mother of S. John the Baptist.
6	b	S. Leonard, Hermit.
7	c	S. Engelbert, Bishop and Martyr.
8	d	Octave of All Saints.
9	e	Dedication of the Lateran Church.
10	f	S. Andrew Avellino, Confessor.
11	g	S. Martin, Bishop of Tours.
12	A	S. Martin, Pope and Martyr.
13	b	S. Didacus, Confessor.
14	c	S. Stanislaus Kostka, Confessor.
15	d	S. Gertrude, Virgin.
16	e	S. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr.
17	f	S. Gregory Thaumaturgus, Bishop.
18	g	Dedication of Churches of SS. Peter and Paul.
19	A	S. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow.
20	b	S. Felix of Valois, Confessor.
21	c	PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
22	d	S. Cæcilia, Virgin and Martyr.
23	e	S. Clement, Pope and Martyr.
24	f	S. John of the Cross, Confessor.
25	g	S. Catharine, Virgin and Martyr.
26	A	S. Silvester, Abbot.
27	b	S. Severinus, Hermit.
28	c	S. Gregory III., Pope and Confessor.
29	d	S. Saturninus, Martyr.
30	e	S. ANDREW THE APOSTLE.

The second Sunday of November, the Feast of the PATRONAGE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. The first Sunday of Advent is the next after the 26th day of November.

DECEMBER.

1	f	S. Eligius, Bishop and Confessor.
2	g	S. Bibiana, Virgin and Martyr.
3	A	S. Francis Xavier, Confessor.
4	b	S. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor.
5	c	S. Sabbas, Abbot.
6	d	S. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra.
7	e	S. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Doctor.
8	f	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B. V.
9	g	S. Leocadia, Virgin and Martyr. [MARY.*
10	A	S. Melchiades, Pope and Martyr.
11	b	S. Damasus, Pope and Martyr.
12	c	S. Synesius, Martyr.
13	d	S. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr.
14	e	S. Spiridion, Bishop and Confessor.
15	f	Octave of the Conception of the B. Virgin Mary.
16	g	S. Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr.
17	A	S. Lazarus, Confessor.
18	b	Expectation of the Delivery of the B. V. Mary.
19	c	S. Timothy, Deacon and Martyr.
20	d	S. Dominick, Abbot.
21	e	S. THOMAS, THE APOSTLE.
22	f	S. Ischirion, Martyr.
23	g	S. Victoria, Virgin and Martyr.
24	A	Vigil with Fast.
25	b	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD. S. Eugenia.
26	c	S. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR.
27	d	S. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST.
28	e	Holy Innocents.
29	f	S. Thomas, Bishop of Canterbury, Martyr.
30	g	S. Sabinus, Bishop, and companions, Martyrs.
31	A	S. Sylvester, Pope and Confessor.

* The Blessed Virgin Mary "conceived without sin," is the patroness of the United States.

Table of Movable Feasts.

Year of our Lord	Dominical Letter	Golden Number	The Epact	Septuagesima Sunday	Ash Wednesday	Easter Sunday
1908	e d	9	27	Feb. 16	Mar. 4	April 19
1909	c	10	8	Feb. 7	Feb. 24	April 11
1910	b	11	19	Jan. 23	Feb. 9	Mar. 27
1911	A	12	*	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	April 16
1912	g f	13	11	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	April 7
1913	e	14	22	Jan. 19	Feb. 5	Mar. 23
1914	d	15	3	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	April 12
1915	c	16	14	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	April 4
1916	b A	17	25	Feb. 20	Mar. 8	April 23
1917	g	18	6	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	April 8
1918	f	19	17	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31
1919	e	1	29	Feb. 16	Mar. 5	April 20
1920	d c	2	10	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	April 4
1921	b	3	21	Jan. 23	Feb. 9	Mar. 27
1922	A	4	2	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	April 16
1923	g	5	13	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	April 1
1924	f e	6	24	Feb. 17	Mar. 5	April 20
1925	d	7	5	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	April 12
1926	c	8	16	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	April 4
1927	b	9	27	Feb. 13	Mar. 2	April 17
1928	A g	10	8	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	April 8
1929	f	11	19	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31
1930	e	12	*	Feb. 16	Mar. 5	April 20
1931	d	13	11	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	April 5
1932	c b	14	22	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	Mar. 27
1933	A	15	3	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	April 16
1934	g	16	14	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	April 1
1935	f	17	25	Feb. 17	Mar. 6	April 21
1936	e d	18	6	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	April 12
1937	c	19	17	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	Mar. 28
1938	b	1	29	Feb. 13	Mar. 2	April 17
1939	A	2	10	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	April 9
1940	g f	3	22	Jan. 21	Feb. 7	Mar. 24
1941	e	4	2	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	April 13
1942	d	5	13	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	April 5
1943	c	6	24	Feb. 21	Mar. 10	April 25
1944	C A	7	5	Feb. 6	Feb. 23	April 9
1945	g	8	16	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	April 1
1946	f	9	27	Feb. 17	Mar. 6	April 21

Table of Movable Feasts.

Year of our Lord	Ascension Day	Whitsunday	Corpus Christi	Sundays after Pentecost	First Sunday of Advent
1908	May 28	June 7	June 18	24	Nov. 29
1909	May 20	May 30	June 10	25	Nov. 28
1910	May 5	May 15	May 26	27	Nov. 27
1911	May 25	June 4	June 15	25	Dec. 3
1912	May 16	May 26	June 6	26	Dec. 1
1913	May 1	May 11	May 22	28	Nov. 30
1914	May 21	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 29
1915	May 13	May 23	June 3	26	Nov. 28
1916	June 1	June 11	June 22	24	Dec. 3
1917	May 17	May 27	June 7	26	Dec. 2
1918	May 9	May 19	May 30	27	Dec. 1
1919	May 29	June 8	June 19	24	Nov. 30
1920	May 13	May 23	June 3	26	Nov. 29
1921	May 5	May 15	May 26	27	Nov. 27
1922	May 25	June 4	June 15	25	Dec. 3
1923	May 10	May 20	May 31	27	Dec. 2
1924	May 29	June 8	June 19	24	Nov. 30
1925	May 21	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 29
1926	May 13	May 23	June 3	26	Nov. 28
1927	May 26	June 5	June 16	24	Nov. 27
1928	May 17	May 27	June 7	26	Dec. 2
1929	May 9	May 19	May 30	27	Dec. 1
1930	May 29	June 8	June 19	24	Nov. 30
1931	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1932	May 5	May 15	May 26	27	Nov. 27
1933	May 25	June 4	June 15	25	Dec. 3
1934	May 10	May 20	May 31	27	Dec. 2
1935	May 30	June 9	June 20	24	Dec. 1
1936	May 21	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 29
1937	May 6	May 16	May 27	27	Nov. 28
1938	May 26	June 5	June 16	24	Nov. 27
1939	May 18	May 28	June 8	26	Dec. 3
1940	May 2	May 12	May 23	28	Dec. 1
1941	May 22	June 1	June 12	25	Nov. 30
1942	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1943	June 3	June 13	June 24	23	Nov. 28
1944	May 18	May 28	June 8	26	Dec. 3
1945	May 10	May 20	May 31	27	Dec. 2
1946	May 30	June 9	June 20	24	Dec. 1

Feasts and Fasts.

Holy Days, *on which there is a strict Obligation to hear Mass, and refrain from servile Work.*

All Sundays in the year.—The Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord, 1st of January.—The Ascension of our Lord.—Assumption of B. V. M., 15th of August.—Feast of all Saints, 1st of November.—The Immaculate Conception of B. V. M., 8th of December.—Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, 25th of December.

Fasting Days.

Fridays in Advent.—Every day in Lent, Sundays excepted.—The Ember days, which occur four times in the year, viz.: the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays—1. Immediately after the first Sunday in Lent; 2. In Whitsun week; 3. Immediately after the 14th of September; 4. Immediately after the third Sunday of Advent.—The Vigils of Whitsunday, of the Assumption, of All Saints, and of Christmas.

N. B.—When a fasting day falls upon a Sunday, it is kept on the Saturday preceding that Sunday. To fast, consists in abstaining from flesh meat, and eating but one full meal in the day and that not before twelve o'clock. A collation, or about the one-fourth of a meal, is allowed in the evening. All who have completed their twenty-first year are obliged to observe the fasts of the Church, unless exempted for some legitimate cause.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

All Fridays, throughout the year, are days of abstinence. When Christmas falls on a Friday, abstinence is not of precept.

N. B.—A day of abstinence is that on which we are not allowed to eat flesh meat. All who have attained the age of reason, are obliged to observe the abstinence commanded by the Church.

In virtue of an Indult to the United States, dated March 15th, 1895, our Bishops are authorized, for ten years, to permit, on abstinence or fasting days, the use of flesh meat to workmen—and their families—whose circumstances would make it difficult for them to observe the law of the Church.—Workmen who might be otherwise bound to fast, are allowed, on fasting days, to take meat only once a day.—The above dispensation does not extend to the following days: any Friday in the year, Ash-Wednesday, all the days of Holy Week, and the eve of Christmas.

CHIEF PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH.

The Catholic Church, commands all her children to be present at Mass, and to rest from servile work on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation.

2d. To abstain from flesh meat on all the days of fasting and abstinence, and on fasting days to eat but one meal.

3d. To confess their sins at least once a year.

4th. To receive the Blessed Sacrament at least once a year, and that at Easter.

***The time appointed for complying with the Easter duty begins on the first Sunday of Lent, and terminates on Trinity Sunday. They who,

without some reasonable cause, neglect this important duty, are liable to be excommunicated whilst living, and when they die to be deprived of Christian burial, according to the fourth Council of Lateran, Can. 21.

5th. To contribute to the support of our Pastors.

6th. Not to marry within certain degrees of kindred, nor privately without witnesses, nor before any but the Pastor. Neither should the marriage be solemnized at certain prohibited times.

***The solemnization of marriage is forbidden from the first Sunday of Advent until after Twelfth Day; and from the beginning of Lent until Low Sunday.

Grant of Indulgences to the Sisters of Charity in Kentucky.

AT an audience of His Holiness held December 4th, 1826, at the humble petition of the Rt. Rev. John B. M. David, Bishop of Mauricastro, Coadjutor Bishop of Bardstown, and Superior of the Society of the Sisters of Charity in the Diocese of Bardstown; our most holy Father, by divine Providence, Pope Leo XII, on supplication made by me, the undersigned, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, has graciously granted both to the Superior for the time being, and to the Sisters of said Society, the following favors:

1. He has declared the Altar of the chapel at their residence, called Nazareth, perpetually privileged for the souls of the Sisters deceased, and also of the pupils who have died at Nazareth, and of the benefactors of the Society.

2. He has likewise granted a perpetual Plenary Indulgence, applicable, by way of suffrage, to the souls detained in Purgatory, to the Sisters and pupils of the same establishment, after contrite confession and Holy Communion, on the Feasts of St. Vincent of Paul, their Founder; St. John the Baptist; both Festivals of the Chair of St. Peter; those of the Conversion of St. Paul;

the Discovery and Exaltation of the Holy Cross; the Guardian Angels; Sts. Catharine of Sienna, Agnes, Martyr, Francis of Sales, Mary Magdalen, Jane Frances de Chantal; also on the Feasts of the holy Women, whose names they have taken in Baptism, or on entering the Society; the day of their first Communion and Confirmation, and the anniversary of each; the day of their receiving the habit of the Institute, of making their vows, and renewal of the same; and as often as they perform, whether in common or in private, the Spiritual Exercises for at least three days.

3. He has furthermore kindly granted that their Superior, Director and any other Priest, celebrating Mass for them on such days, and the clerks who serve at Mass, after duly confessing their sins and receiving Holy Communion, may gain the same Indulgences.

4. He has imparted to the Bishop of Mauricastro, the power of bestowing, three times in the year, according to the rightful form, the Papal Benediction on the Sisters, their pupils and other members of their household.

5. Lastly, He has granted to the Sisters and their pupils, and the other members of the family, a perpetual Indulgence of seven years and of forty days, as often as they shall apply themselves to mental prayer or spiritual reading, or the adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament, for the space of at least one quarter of an hour.

Given the day and year aforesaid, at Rome.

Translated from the original Latin, by Rev. William E. Clark.

GRANT OF INDULGENCES TO THE SISTERS OF CHARITY IN KENTUCKY BY OUR HOLY FATHER POPE PIUS IX.

The Bishop of Louisville humbly petitions the Holy Father that he would deign to grant the Indulgences below indicated, to the Sisters of Charity established in his diocese.

1. A Plenary Indulgence on the day that they will take the habit in the Society, and also on the day that they will take the vows for the first time, if on those days, they shall receive the Holy Communion after having made their confession with contrition.

2. A Plenary Indulgence, with the remission of all their sins, every time that, being contrite and having confessed, they shall receive with piety the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist on any of the principal Feasts of our Lord, and of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, on the Feast of St. Vincent of Paul or on the Sunday following, and also on one Sunday in each month of the year, to be chosen at will.

3. A Plenary Indulgence to all those of the said Society of Sisters, who, being contrite and having confessed, shall receive the Holy Eucharist at the point of death, and not being able to confess or communicate, shall be at least truly repentant and invoke the name of Jesus with the lips, or at least with the heart.

4. An Indulgence of two hundred days, every time they shall devoutly recite a Pater and Ave for the Seminarians and Missionaries, on the Feasts of the Apostles and Roman Pontiffs.

5. An Indulgence of seven years and as many quarantines, every time they will piously recite a part of the Rosary of the Most Holy Virgin.

6. The above named Bishop finally supplicates that all the above named Indulgences be applicable to the souls in Purgatory, and that the Bishop of Louisville and all his Missionaries may enjoy the above Indulgences on the same conditions.

Rome, February 22d, Anno Domini 1853.

We have willingly granted as a favor the Indulgences above petitioned for.

Signed, PIUS P. P. IX.

Translated from the original Italian by the Rt. Rev. M. J. Spalding, Bp. of Louisville.

The Raccolta is our authority for the other Indulgences indicated in this book, and the prayers to which they are attached are copied from it.

Devotions Before Morning Prayers.

The following are the Community Exercises.

(They can be used to advantage by others.)

At this time, each one is at liberty to follow the inclination of her own peculiar turn of piety; yet, these little devotions may be useful and suggestive.

At the first sound of the bell, which is for you the voice of God, prostrate yourself in spirit before the tabernacle, make the sign of the Cross, recall to mind the subject of the meditation and say:

JESUS, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul! Good Jesus, take me into Thy Sacred Heart; suffer me to dwell therein. All for Thee, O my God! All in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for Thy greater honor and most pure love!

When Taking Holy Water.

WASH me, O my Jesus! in Thy own precious blood, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Purify my soul from every stain of sin.

OR:

Blood of Jesus, wash me! Water from the side of Jesus, purify me, that I may be prepared to dwell in His adorable heart!

WHEN PUTTING ON YOUR SHOES.

GRANT, O my God! that every step I take, this day and throughout my life, may be guided by Thy will and bring me nearer to Thee!

WHILST DRESSING.

CLOTHE me, O my God! with the mantle of innocence and the robe of charity. Permit not that I appear stripped of good works, before Thy face.

PUTTING ON THE HABIT, KISS IT WITH AFFECTION AND SAY:

I AM unworthy, O my Jesus! to be clothed in the livery of Thy spouses; yet, give me the grace to wear it faithfully until death, and grant that the sentiments of my heart may be worthy of Thee and of my vocation.

KNEELING BY THE BEDSIDE:

O MY God, I cast myself humbly in adoration before Thee. I thank Thee for having preserved me during the

night, for giving me another day to love, praise and serve Thee. I offer to Thee my whole being: my soul with all its powers; my heart with all its affections and inclinations; my mind with all its faculties; all my thoughts, words and actions, in union with the adorable Heart of Jesus, and with the intention of gaining whatever indulgences may be attached to them. Grant me wisdom, prudence and love, that I may do all Thou requirest of me, and offer no obstacle to Thy grace. Bestow upon me and every member of the Community, a spirit of union and charity, that we may all live and die in Thy holy love. My beloved Mother, my Angel guardian, St. Joseph, St. Vincent, aid and guard me until the hour of my death.

GOING DOWN STAIRS:

O MY Jesus! deign to descend into my heart, by Thy grace, and dwell therein forever.

OR:

Grant, my Jesus! that I may descend deeply into my own heart, discern my

weakness and learn to trust in Thee. *Amen.*

During the little visit to the Blessed Sacrament, which may be made before prayers, or whilst waiting for Mass, the following prayers may be said:

PRAYER OF UNION WITH JESUS IN ALL OUR ACTIONS.

WHATEVER I do I will do under the auspices of Jesus. When I visit, Jesus will be before my eyes. When I walk, Jesus will be my companion. When I sit down, Jesus will be by my side. When I study, Jesus will teach me. When I teach, Jesus will direct me. When I read, Jesus will give me light and understanding. When I write, Jesus will guide my pen and my hand. When I pray, Jesus will form and animate my words. When I hunger or thirst, Jesus will feed and give me to drink. When I am sick, Jesus, my love, will be my physician. And when I die, I will die with Jesus; Jesus will close my eyes, the bosom of Jesus will be my tomb. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION AND CONFIDENCE.

LORD, I know not what I ought to ask of Thee. Thou alone knowest

what I want; Thou lovest me better than I can love myself. O Father, give to Thy child that which she knows not how to ask. I dare not ask either for crosses or consolations; I only present myself before Thee; I lay open to Thee my heart; behold my necessities, and act according to Thy mercies; strike or cure, raise up or cast down; I adore Thy divine will without knowing it. I hold my peace; I sacrifice and abandon myself to Thee; I have no other desire than to accomplish Thy divine will. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN TEACHING.

THOU, O Lord, art my patience and my strength; Thou art my light and my counsel; Thou subduest under me the little people whom Thou hast committed to my care. Oh! leave me not one moment to myself, but give me, for the instruction of others and for my own salvation, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and piety, and, above all, the spirit of the fear of the Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ONE WHO ATTENDS THE SICK.

GRANT, O my Jesus! that I may see and serve Thee in Thy suffering members, committed to my care, and whilst, in Thy name, I minister to the wants of their bodies, strengthen and enlighten their souls. Restore them to health if they can thus labor more effectually for Thy honor and glory, or give them grace to suffer with profit and to die the death of the just. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO PREVENT SIN.

O MOST holy Virgin, O Mary! offer to the eternal Father the precious blood of thy divine Son Jesus, for that efficacious grace which will prevent the commission of, at least, one mortal sin today, in some part of the world. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE DYING.

One hundred days' Indulgence each time. When recited three times a day, at distinct intervals, a Plenary Indulgence once a month, on the ordinary conditions.

MERCIFUL Jesus, Lover of souls! I pray Thee, by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart, and by the woes of Thy Immaculate Mother, to cleanse in

Thy blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their agony and about to die this day. *Amen.*

Heart of Jesus, once in agony, pity the dying.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin.

Indulgence of 100 days, to be gained once a day by saying the following prayer, the Hail Mary and ejaculation morning and evening, to obtain the aid of the Blessed Virgin in temptations, especially those against chastity. When said for a month, a plenary indulgence may be gained on a day at option, by complying with the ordinary conditions.

MY Queen! my Mother! I give thee all myself; and to show my devotion to thee, I consecrate to thee this day eyes, ears, mouth, heart, myself wholly, without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine own, keep me, guard me, as a thing of thine, thine own possession.

Ejaculation.

MY Queen! my Mother! remember that I am thine own. Keep me, guard me as a thing of thine, thine own possession.

For the last ejaculation alone, Indulgence of 40 days each time it is said by one who thus seeks the aid of the Blessed Virgin, when attacked by temptation.

Offerings of Good Works and Intentions to Gain Indulgences.

My God, who hast given to Thy Church the power to bind souls and to loose them, I most fervently thank Thee for this Thy great mercy, and desire to avail myself thereof by reciting those prayers, making those communions, and performing those good works to which indulgences are annexed.

Vouchsafe, O my God, to ratify in Heaven the merciful decrees of Thy vicegerent on Earth! through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose promises we confide, and by whose merits alone we can hope for pardon.

Daily Intentions.

SUNDAY: Mass, Communion, Rosary, in honor of the Most Holy Trinity, for the Pope. Prelates and Clergy, the propagation of the Faith, in thanksgiving for my creation, redemption, vocation, and to beg grace to unite my heart perfectly to God by dying to myself and to the world, so that I may use my talents and my whole being in the service of my Heavenly Spouse.

MONDAY: Mass, Communion, Rosary, etc., in honor of St. N., for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, particularly N. N., and the Sisters of the Community, and for myself

the grace of final perseverance and a happy death.

TUESDAY: Mass, Communion, Rosary, etc., in honor of the holy Angels, for the conversion of negligent Catholics, especially N. N., for myself a right of knowledge of, and the perfect spirit of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.

WEDNESDAY: Mass, Communion, Rosary, etc., in honor of St. Joseph, for parents, friends, benefactors, for those for whom I have promised to pray, for the temporal wants of the Community, for the Superiors of the several houses. and for myself modesty, meekness and humility, and the graces to subdue my senses and imagination.

THURSDAY: Mass, Communion, Rosary, etc., in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, in reparation for all sacrilegious Communions and all indignities offered to this Sacrament of love, for all religious, N.., for Priests N. .., my duties, the relief of the poor, and for myself the virtues of charity, patience, and confidence in God.

FRIDAY: Mass, Communion, Rosary, etc., in honor of the Sacred Passion and Death of my Saviour Jesus Christ, that union and charity may reign in the Community, that its members may increase, and that all may be filled with zeal for the conversion of sinners, for myself a simple and pure intention in all my actions.

SATURDAY: Mass, Communion, Rosary, etc., in honor of our Blessed Lady, to beg grace to confess my sins briefly, distinctly and contritely, and to draw fruit from my confessions and Communion.

Thoughts that may serve for Subjects of Meditation.

THE pleasure of dying without trouble is worth the trouble of living without pleasure.

Without esteem and respect for interior virtues, it is impossible to lead a perfect life.

(*Avila.*)

True greatness and nobility spring only from the perfect fulfilment of the will of God.

One single act of virtue, performed with fervor, advances a soul more than fifty performed carelessly. (*St. Teresa.*)

It is unnatural for roses to be white; the pink are more beautiful and smell sweeter. It is, however, the nature of lilies. Let us be as we are, but perfect, each in its kind, for the honor of the great Master, whose work we are.

(*St. F. de Sales.*)

A straw, raised from the ground, in virtue of obedience, is worth more than martyrdom, suffered for self-love. (*St. Teresa.*)

When you perform good works, seek not to please creatures; desire only to please God. The eyes of men are like thieves who rob you of the merit of your good works. (*St. Aloysius.*)

Oh, what a precious flower is purity, and how delicate! A look, a word, a sigh, is sufficient

to destroy its beauty. Therefore, chaste souls continually distrust themselves, and avoid the slightest occasions which may expose them to danger. (*Nouet.*)

Prudence is the first resource we have in order to fulfil our duties well. (*St. Ambrose.*)

But one thing is necessary.

To be saved, we must not only avoid evil, we must do good. (*Fénelon.*)

You have time today to labor for your salvation, perhaps you will not have it tomorrow. (*Id.*)

There are but few peaceful souls, because there are so few who pray. (*de Ravignan.*)

Have we not repelled God a hundred times when He knocked with love at the door of our hearts? How long He waited! Is it not just that He should now make us wait? (*St. Augustine.*)

When you come before our Lord, speak to Him if you can; if you can not, remain there, show yourself to Him and be not disturbed. (*St. F. of Sales.*)

Time passes on, and our pains pass with it; but the glory which follows these pains passes not—it is eternal. (*St. Bernard.*)

The grace of the present moment is perhaps that which will decide our lot for eternity. (*Nepveu.*)

The truly humble soul ought to be delighted when its humiliation, and not its humility, is manifested. (*St. Bernard.*)

Humility does not consist in being ignorant of the graces which God bestows upon us, but in referring entirely to Him the gifts received from

His hand .and in attributing to ourselves nothing but sin and weakness. (*St. John of the Cross.*)

Above all, I love these small virtues, meekness of heart, poverty of spirit and simplicity of life; the sick, serving the poor, consoling the afflicted and the like, performed without eagerness and with true liberty of spirit. Our arms are not long enough to reach the cedars of Lebanon; let us, therefore, be content with the hyssop of the valley. (*St. F. of Sales.*)

It is better to blame yourself a thousand times than only once to lay the blame on others. (*Nepveu.*)

How beautiful it is to behold the poor, when one considers them in God and the light in which Jesus Christ regarded them. (*Spiritual Maxims of St. Vincent of Paul.*)

The perfection of divine love does not consist in ecstasies; it consists in doing the will of God. (*Id.*)

Sickness is not an evil which we should fear, but a most efficacious means of sanctifying our souls. To murmur when God sends it, is to complain of His having done us good. (*Id.*)

One of the greatest evils that can afflict a community is a member who will murmur at every thing, complain of and contradict every thing. (*Id.*)

The salvation of a soul is so important, that in order to secure it, we should expose not only our property, but our lives. (*Id.*)

The spirit of Jesus Christ is one of uprightness and sincerity. He that is called to glorify this loving God ought to act according to His spirit. (*Id.*)

None are fit for the works of God but those who have profound humility and a sincere contempt for themselves. (*Id.*)

Woe to him who seeks his own ease! Woe to him who shuns the cross; because he will find others so weighty that they will overwhelm him. (*Id.*)

Charity is the cement of souls, which unites all the faithful together; it departs not when it can be useful, but it is neither rash nor hasty, by intruding itself at an unseasonable time. (*St. Augustine.*)

Speak little and mildly, little and well, little and simply, little and frankly, little and affably. (*St. F. of Sales.*)

The complacency which we take in ourselves, removes us from God. (*Nepveu.*)

We do more for others by correcting ourselves than by wishing to correct them. (*Id.*)

The virtue of the patient man is preferable to miracles and wonders. (*St. Gregory the Great.*)

Meekness, sweetness of heart, and equality of temper are virtues more rare than chastity. (*St. F. of Sales.*)

Let us be at peace with God by love, with our neighbor by patience, with ourselves by mortification.

When we are where God wills, He knows where to find us.

A perfect act of conformity to the will of God, at the moment of death, not only sets the soul free from Hell, but even from Purgatory. (*Louis de Blois.*)

The virtue of poverty consists not only in the privation of earthly goods, but in the love of this privation. (*St. Bernard.*)

Sweetness and consolation are more likely to nourish pride than divine love. (*Nepveu.*)

The true love of God is not always that which is felt and is delightful to us; but that which humbles and disengages us from ourselves and from creatures. (*Fenelon.*)

Attachment even to good things is hurtful. (*St. Liguori.*)

Our blessed Saviour descended into the womb of His holy Mother during the silence of night; He enters our hearts and takes possession of them, when He finds them peaceful and in silence.

As honey made from the bitter thyme is the best, so is that virtue the most excellent which is exercised amidst the most contemptible and abject tribulations. (*St. F. of Sales.*)

Whosoever neglects prayer precipitates himself into hell. (*St. Teresa.*)

We must have a noble and generous humility, which never does anything for the sake of praise and omits nothing for fear of being praised. (*St. Teresa.*)

Beware of discouragement; it is the greatest harm which can befall you. The devil is afraid of confidence in God. (*St. F. of Sales.*)

Prudence is not the virtue of him who obeys, but of him who commands. (*St. Ignatius.*)

One ounce of prayer, in the time of dryness, is of more value in the sight of God than one hundred pounds in the midst of consolation. (*St. F. of Sales.*)

He is the most happy in this life who loves God most. (*St. Liguori.*)

Make no show of the devotion you have in your heart, unless great necessity oblige you. "My secret is mine," said St. Bernard and St. Francis. (*St. Teresa.*)

We ought only to be found with men, when God is not willing that we should remain with Him. (*P. Judde.*)

Simplicity is the perfection of humility; the simple soul entirely forgets herself to think only of God; she has but one look, one intention, one will, one love; God alone is the object of her delight.

The field of the sluggard is covered with briars; a useless life is alone sufficient for our condemnation. (*St. Bernard.*)

When the labors of an active life spring from the love of God, they are supreme perfection. (*St. Teresa.*)

To arrive quickly at perfection, we must speak much to God and little to men.

Intimate union with God is formed by grace, the cross and divine love. (*Nepveu.*)

You cannot speak well without grace. Can you expect to do so, when you speak at a time in which God forbids you to speak? (*Nouet.*)

The more you advance in perfection, the more you must fear vanity; other vices are nourished by sin, but virtue is often the food of vanity.

The religious state is one of sacrifice, in which one must expect to find only an altar, a sword and burning fire. The sword separates us from all that is dearest on earth and even from ourselves. In this sacrifice, the soul does indeed taste innocent and pure joys; but worldly pleasures are forbidden her. No more human friendships, no more dissipation, no more indulgence

in reading light and useless books. She must be silent when she would like to speak; speak when silence would be agreeable; labor when she feels inclined to rest, and often rest when labor would seem to be more grateful. This is not all; when the victim has been immolated, it must be consumed; all that is opposed to God and to the perfection of His love, judgment, will, desires, all must be sacrificed in the religious soul. If this picture frightens you, beware! You may sully that holy state.

The most obedient soul will be the most beloved. She who rejoices when receiving humiliation and correction will soon delight the Heart of Jesus.

Morning Prayers.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity now and for ever more. *Amen.*

COME, O Holy Ghost, replenish the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy divine love. Impress our minds with the respect and attention which we owe to the presence of our God, our Father, and our Judge, before Whom we presume to appear and to Whom we dare to offer up our prayers, whereas we are but dust and ashes.

An Act of Adoration.

O MY God! I adore Thee as my Creator and sovereign Lord; I am nothing before Thee, I depend on Thee, and submit myself entirely to Thee.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

O MY God! I firmly believe all the sacred truths, the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches; because Thou hast revealed them, Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

O MY God! relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain, pardon for all my sins, the assistance of Thy grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ and by the intercession of His Blessed Mother and all the Saints.

AN ACT OF LOVE.

O MY God! I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, purely because Thou art infinitely perfect and deserving of all love; I love also my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee; I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING.

O MY God! I give Thee thanks for having created me, for having preserved me, for having redeemed me by the precious blood of Thy Son, for having made me a child of the holy Catholic Church, and generally for all the favors I have received from thy infinite goodness.

Let us foresee the sins to which we are most subject, and make a firm resolution to avoid them.—(Here all pause for a while.)

ACT OF CONTRITION.

MY conscience, O my God, still reproaches me with many weaknesses and infidelities; I repent sincerely of them in Thy presence and for Thy sake; and I resolve henceforward to be more diligent in shunning and correcting them. Strengthen, O Lord, my resolution and perfect in me what Thy grace has begun.

AN ACT OF OFFERING.

O LORD, I offer up unto Thee my soul and body, my whole being, all my thoughts, words, actions and sufferings of this day. May all, O my God! be directed to Thy greater glory and to my salvation.

Alas! this day shall perhaps be the last of my life; permit me not to be so unhappy as to abuse it.

Let us beg of God the graces we stand in need of to spend this day holily; and let us address to Him the prayer which He Himself has given us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

THE ANGELICAL SALUTATION.

HAIL, Mary full of grace! the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our

Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried, He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. *Amen.*

LET US PRAY.

LORD, God Almighty, Who hast granted us to come to the beginning of this day; preserve us by Thy powerful assistance from falling during it, into any sin whatever, and grant that our discourse, our thoughts and our actions may tend to the practice of Thy righteousness: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for our Holy Father, the Pope, our Rt. Rev. Bishop, all the Pastors and Ministers of the Church, for those who govern us, and, generally, for all those for whom we are bound to pray.

LORD, God Almighty, Who art the Author of all good! grant, we beseech Thee, to us, and to all those for whom we pray to Thee, an increase of faith, hope and charity; and that we may obtain what Thou dost promise, make us love what Thou dost command.

O Holy Virgin, most worthy Mother of God, show thyself to be our Mother also, and prevail on Him to hear our prayers, Who, for our redemption, vouchsafed to be born of thee.

And ye, O blessed Spirits, to whose care we are committed, great Saints whose names we have the honor to bear; ye all, the elect and friends of God, vouchsafe to intercede for us at the throne of His divine Majesty, that He may establish our days and our actions in His holy peace, preserve us from all evil and lead us to eternal life; and may the souls of the faithful departed,

through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

Let us place ourselves in the presence of God. (A few moments of silence ensue, after which, all say aloud:)

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, to Blessed Michael the Archangel, to Blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles, Peter and Paul and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word and deed: through my fault through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I beseech the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, the Blessed Michael the Archangel, Blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May the Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen.*

May the Almighty and merciful Lord, grant us pardon, absolution and remission of all our sins. *Amen.*

Then all secretly invoke the Holy Ghost, and beg of Him the light, love and recollection to make a

good meditation. After which the following prayer is said:

COME, O holy Spirit, replenish the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of divine love.

℣. Send forth Thy Spirit, and our hearts shall be regenerated.

℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, Who by the light of the Holy Ghost didst instruct the hearts of the Faithful; grant us, by the same holy Spirit, the love and relish of what is right and just, and the constant enjoyment of His comforts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

NOTE—Meditation is proposed and made, at the end of which the following prayers are said:

WE fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God! despise not our petitions in our necessities; but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin!

O Angel of God, who art my guardian! and to whose care I am committed by

the supreme clemency, enlighten, guard and direct me this day and every day, and at the hour of my death. *Amen.*

O JESUS, living in Mary! come and live in Thy servants, in the spirit of Thy sanctity, in the fulness of Thy power, in the perfection of Thy ways, in the truth of Thy virtues, in the communion of Thy mysteries, triumph over all adverse powers in Thy Holy Spirit, for the glory of Thy Father. *Amen.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.* (*Repeat seven times.*)

Hail Mary! &c.

The Angelus.

THE Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;

And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, &c.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord!

May it be done unto me according to Thy word!

Hail Mary, &c.

And the Word was made flesh!
And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary, &c.

LET US PRAY.

POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by His passion and cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

REGINA CŒLI.

(Said instead of the preceding from Holy Saturday at noon until Trinity Sunday.)

O HAPPY Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia!
The Son thou lovest, by heaven's choice, Alleluia!
From death is risen, as He did say, Alleluia!
To God for us, thy children pray, Alleluia!

℣. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!

℟. Because our Lord is truly risen, Alleluia!

Let us Pray.

O GOD, Who, by the resurrection of Thy son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to fill the world with joy; grant, we beseech Thee, that, by the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life; through the same Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

May the divine assistance always remain with us. *Amen.*

And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

For Protection Against Fire.

WE fly to Thy patronage, etc. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God;

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Blessed St. Vincent, our holy Founder! pray for us and protect us. *Amen.*

Night Prayers.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever more. *Amen.*

COME, O Holy Ghost! replenish the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy divine love. Impress our minds with the respect and attention which we owe to the presence of our God, our Father, and our Judge, before Whom we presume to appear and to Whom we dare to offer up our prayers, whereas we are but dust and ashes.

An Act of Adoration.

O MY God, I adore Thee as my Creator and sovereign Lord; I am nothing before Thee; I depend on Thee, and submit myself entirely to Thee.

An Act of Faith.

O MY God, I firmly believe all the sacred truths the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches, because Thou

hast revealed them, Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

An Act of Hope.

O MY God, relying on Thy goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the assistance of Thy grace, and life everlasting; through the merits of Jesus Christ, and by the intercession of His blessed Mother and the Saints.

An Act of Love.

O MY GOD! I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul; purely because Thou art infinitely perfect and deserving of all love. I love also my neighbor as myself, for the love of Thee; I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

An Act of Thanksgiving.

O MY God, I give Thee thanks for having created me; for having preserved me; for having redeemed me by the blood of Thy Son; for having made me a child of Thy Church; and, generally, for all the favors I have received from Thy infinite goodness.

Let us implore the grace of God to know and detest our sins.

GREAT God, sovereign Judge of the living and the dead! Who willest not the death of the sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, I humbly present myself before Thee, to give Thee an account of this day. Give light to my mind, that I may know my sins; and sorrow to my heart, that I may detest them, as much as they deserve to be detested.

Let us examine our consciences on the sins which we have committed this day, by thoughts, words, actions and omissions; *insisting,* particularly, on the failings to which we are most subject. (A pause—— after which say:)

I confess to Almighty God, &c., *as on page* 53.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

O MY God! I am most heartily sorry for having offended Thee, because Thou art infinitely good, infinitely amiable, and sin displeases Thee in the highest degree; I make a firm resolution, with the help of Thy grace, never more to offend Thee; I hope to obtain pardon for all my sins, through the merits of the passion and death of Thy Son, our Lord, and I purpose to confess them.

Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.*

This Litany is said by the Community on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear us.
Jesus, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, splendor of the Father,
Jesus, brightness of eternal light,
Jesus, king of glory,
Jesus, the sun of justice,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, amiable,
Jesus, admirable,
Jesus, the mighty God,
Jesus, Father of the world to come,
Jesus, Angel of the great council,

Have mercy on us.

*Approved by a Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, Aug. 21, 1863.

Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, lover of chastity,
Jesus, lover of mankind,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, author of life,
Jesus, model of virtues,
Jesus, zealous for souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our refuge,
Jesus, Father of the poor,
Jesus, treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, good shepherd,
Jesus, true light,
Jesus, eternal wisdom,
Jesus, infinite goodness,
Jesus, our way and our life,
Jesus, joy of the Angels,
Jesus, king of the Patriarchs,
Jesus, master of the Apostles,
Jesus, teacher of the Evangelists,
Jesus, strength of Martyrs,
Jesus, light of Confessors,
Jesus, purity of Virgins,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, crown of all Saints, *have mercy on us.*
Be merciful, *spare us, O Jesus.*
Be merciful, *graciously hear us, O Jesus*
From all evil,
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of fornication,
From everlasting death,
From the neglect of Thy inspirations,
Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation.
Through Thy nativity,
Through Thy infancy,
Through Thy most divine life,
Through Thy labors,
Through Thy agony and passion,
Through Thy cross and dereliction,
Through Thy weariness and faintness,
Through Thy death and burial,
Through Thy resurrection,
Through Thy ascension,
Through Thy joys,
Through Thy glory,

Jesus, deliver us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world. *Graciously hear us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

LET US PRAY.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who hast said: "Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you;" mercifully attend to our supplications, and grant us the gift of divine Charity, that we may ever love Thee with our whole hearts, and never desist from Thy praise; Who livest and reignest world without end. *Amen.*

LET US PRAY.

DEFEND, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, this Thy family from all adversity; and as, with our whole hearts, we lie prostrate before Thee, defend us from the snares of our enemies: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Pour down Thy blessing, O Lord, on Thy holy Church, on our holy Father, the Pope, on this Diocese, on our Right Reverend Bishop and on all Pastors of souls; on this country, on our rulers, and all superiors, temporal and spiritual; on this congregation, on this family, on our parents, relatives, benefactors, friends and enemies. Help the poor, the sick, and those who are in their agony. Convert all sinners, and enlighten all heretics and infidels.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c., *as on page* 50.

Let us pray for the souls of the faithful departed and, particularly, for those of our friends and benefactors.

PSALM CXXIX.

OUT of the depths, I have cried unto Thee, O Lord! Lord hear my voice.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand it?

For with Thee, there is merciful forgiveness; and by reason of Thy law, I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on His word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch, even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy; and with Him plentiful redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

℣. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord!

℟. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

℣. May they rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful; grant to the souls of Thy servants departed, the remission of all their sins, that through the help of pious supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired; Who livest and reignest, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us recommend our rest to God, to the Blessed Virgin and the Saints.

℣. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night to keep us without sin.

℟. Have mercy on us, O Lord! have mercy on us.

LET US PRAY.

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation and drive away from it all the snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy Angels dwell therein, to preserve us in peace; and may Thy blessing be upon us for ever: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST holy Virgin, Mother of mercy, my good Angel, my holy Patrons, all ye blessed Saints in Heaven, I implore your powerful protection. Intercede for me, I beseech you, before the Lord, that He may be pleased to pour His blessings on me, to grant me a quiet night, and the grace of a holy and happy death. Amen.

MY God, I offer up unto Thee the rest I am going to take, in union with the rest which my Saviour Jesus Christ took upon earth, and with His

death and burial; I offer also my awaking in the morning in honor of His awaking, and of His glorious resurrection. I adore the dispositions of His Sacred Heart in these various states and humbly beg of Thee the favor of being made partaker of them. *Amen.*

℣. May our evening prayer ascend unto Thee, O Lord.

℟. And may Thy mercy descend on us.

Glory be to the Father, &c., (*seven times*).

Hail Mary, &c.

May the divine assistance remain always with us. *Amen.*

And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The points for the morning meditation are then read, after which all kneel again and close the evening prayers by the following invocations:

TO BE PROTECTED FROM FIRE:

WE fly to thy patronage, &c. Pray for us, &c.

Blessed St. Vincent, &c.

Let us place ourselves, our property and all entrusted to our care, under the protection of the Blessed Virgin.

O MARY, conceived without sin, &c., (*three times*).

Litany of the Infant Jesus.

To be said instead of the preceding, from Christmas until the Purification.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
God, the Father of Heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Infant, Jesus Christ,
Infant, true God,
Infant, Son of the living God,
Infant, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Infant, strong in weakness,
Infant, powerful in tenderness,
Infant, treasurer of grace,
Infant, fountain of love,

Have mercy on us.

Infant, renewer of the Heavens,
Infant, repairer of the earth,
Infant, head of the Angels,
Infant, root of the Patriarchs,
Infant, speech of the Prophets,
Infant, desire of the Gentiles,
Infant, joy of the Shepherds,
Infant, light of the Magi,
Infant, salvation of infants,
Infant, expectation of the just,
Infant, instructor of the wise,
Infant, first fruit of all saints.

Have mercy on us.

Be merciful to us; hear us, Infant Jesus.

Be merciful to us; spare us, Infant Jesus.

From the slavery of the children of Adam deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From the slavery of the devil, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From the concupiscence of the flesh deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From the malice of the world, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From the pride of life, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From an inordinate desire of knowledge, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From blindness of spirit, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From an evil will, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From our sins, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

Through Thy most pure conception, hear us, O Infant Jesus.

Through Thy most humble nativity
Through Thy tears,
Through Thy painful circumcision,
Through Thy glorious manifestation,
Through Thy pious presentation,
Through Thy innocent conversation,
Through Thy divine life,
Through Thy poverty,
Through Thy many sufferings,
Through Thy labors and journeys,
} Hear us, O Infant Jesus.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Infant Jesus.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world; hear us, O Infant Jesus.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world: have mercy on us, O Infant Jesus.

LET US PRAY.

O LORD Jesus, Who didst, for the love of us, vouchsafe to reduce Thy incarnate divinity to the humiliating states of birth and infancy, grant that we, acknowledging Thy infinite wisdom in Thy infancy, Thy power in Thy weakness, and Thy majesty in Thy littleness, may adore Thee, a little one on earth, and behold Thee great in heaven; Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in unity with the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

Devotions which may be used after Night Prayers.

KNEELING BY THE BEDSIDE:

ONE day more is gone, O my God, and I am so much nearer the one when I shall appear before Thee. Perhaps ere morning shall have dawned, I shall be summoned. Be merciful to me, O my God! Sweet Jesus, be not my Judge, but my Saviour.

Into the hands of Thy mercy, O Lord, I commend my soul and body, my senses, my words, and all my actions, the course and end of my life, the day, hour and manner of my death, that whether I labor or rest, live or die, I may simply and cheerfully abide by Thy holy will.

WHILST UNDRESSING:

DETACH my heart from sin, O Lord, and from all that is not Thee. Grant that I may correct myself of whatever displeases Thee in me.

BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP:

OPEN Thy heart to me, my Saviour, and allow Thy unworthy child to live, to rest and to die in that safe asylum of peace and love, that even when I slumber, I may say with the holy Spouse, "I sleep, but my heart watches."

Holy Mary, my Mother, remember that I am thine. Protect me, defend me, as thy property and possession.

My faithful Angel guardian, watch over me; St. Vincent, pray for me.

Kissing your crucifix with reverence and love, adore your dying Saviour, fold your hands across your breast, recall the subject of meditation, and compose yourself to sleep with some such prayer as:

FATHER, into Thy hands, I commend my spirit!

Jesus, Mary, Joseph! I give you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph! assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph! let my soul send forth her last sigh in peace, with you to aid me.

To the three ejaculations above, an indulgence of 300 days is attached, as often as they are devoutly said. If only one be recited, an indulgence of 100 days is granted.

Devotions for Mass.

Prayer before Mass.

O FATHER of mercies and God of all consolation; Who, not content that Thy only-begotten Son should have been once offered a bleeding victim upon the cross for our salvation, wouldst have the same most acceptable oblation daily repeated in an unbloody manner, to renew in our souls the fruit thereof; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may assist at this adorable mystery of Thy power, wisdom and goodness, with such reverence, attention and love, that we may plentifully partake of the fruits it is intended to produce in us: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Commencement of Mass.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

IT is in Thy name, O adorable Trinity! it is to honor Thee, and to do Thee

homage, that I presume to assist at this most holy and august sacrifice. Permit me then, O Lord! to unite my intention with that of Thy minister, in offering up this precious victim; and give me now the sentiments with which I should have been filled on Mount Calvary, had I been witness to the bloody sacrifice offered thereon.

CONFITEOR.

Think now, in the bitterness of your heart, on all your past sins, and recall to your mind, in a general manner, such of them as are most humbling to you. Lay your weakness before God. Beg of Him to pardon you, and to assist you in all your necessities, through the infinite merits of this great sacrifice.

I CONFESS, O my God! not only in Thy presence, Who seest the secrets of hearts, but in the presence of all the blessed in heaven, and of all the faithful on earth, that I have often and grievously offended Thee by my thoughts, words, actions and omissions. Yes, I have sinned, O my God! I have sinned; I acknowledge it to my shame and with the most bitter regret. I have abused all Thy gifts. I am unworthy to appear before Thee. But Thy mercies, O my God! are above all

Thy works; Thou wilt not despise a contrite and humble heart.

O most holy Virgin! and ye Angels and Saints of heaven! I humbly beseech you to intercede for me. Vouchsafe, O Lord! to listen to their prayers. Grant to the ardor of their supplications, what Thou mayest justly refuse to the coldness of mine, and, to their services so pleasing in Thy sight, that pardon to which my offences can have no claim.

KYRIE ELEISON.

Beg of the Lord to show you mercy, and rely with confidence on His infinite goodness. By granting you so powerful a means of reconciliation as this is, He gives you a sure pledge that you will obtain it.

THOUGH I were at every instant of my life to cry out, Lord, have mercy on me! this would still be unequal to the number and quality of my offences. But though, after long repeating this prayer, Thou shouldst appear to disregard me, I would still redouble my importunity, and cry out, with a louder and more animated voice, as the woman of Canaan, and the blind man of Jericho did: "Jesus, son

of David! have mercy on me!" Be not then tired, O Lord! of my supplications. I know that Thou lovest to be importuned. If, as yet, Thy goodness hath not granted my pardon, my perseverance shall, at length, engage Thee to grant it. Have pity, bountiful Creator, on the work of Thy hands. O Father of mercies! grant pardon to Thy children.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

Conceive a great desire of promoting God's glory, and your neighbor's good. Rejoice with the Angels at the share you have in the holy mysteries, and form to yourself the highest idea of the majesty of God and of Jesus Christ His Son.

GLORIA in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus,

GLORY be to God on high, and peace on earth to men of good will. We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We adore Thee. We glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory. O Lord God! O heavenly King!

Rex cœlestis! Deus Pater omnipotens! Domine, Fili unigenite, Jesu. Christe! Domine Deus! Agnus Dei! Filius Patris! Qui tollis peccata mundi! miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi! suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris! miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus altissimus. Jesu Christe! Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloriâ Dei Patris.

Amen.

O God, the Father Almighty! O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son! O Lord God! Lamb of God! Son of the Father! O Thou, who takest away the sins of the world! have mercy on us O Thou, who takest away the sins of the world! receive our prayer. O Thou, who sittest at the right hand of the Father! have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art Lord. Thou alone art most high, O Jesus Christ! together with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

THE COLLECT.

This prayer is so called, because in it the priest lays before God the necessities of his people, their vows, and their desires, collected, in a manner, together. Whence, turning to the congregation, he says, *Oremus,* that is, *Let us pray,* inviting them to unite with him in the petition he is about to make.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, we humbly beseech Thee to look down upon this congregation from Thy heavenly sanctuary, and graciously hear those prayers of Thy Church, addressed to Thee for us all, by the ministry of this priest.

Grant us, in Thy infinite mercy, pardon for our sins, health of mind and body, peace in our days, unity and increase of Catholic Faith, fervor of charity, sincere devotion, patience in suffering, and everything conducive to Thy Glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE.

Return God thanks for having called you to the knowledge of His law. Submit to it with perfect docility, and beg of Him to extend our holy religion over the whole world.

O ETERNAL God! Who never ceasest to excite us to the worship and

love of Thy holy name, and to arm us against all the attacks of the world, the flesh, and the devil, by the public ministry of Thy Church, by the doctrine of Thy prophets and apostles, and by many other holy admonitions; grant, we may faithfully attend to these lessons of salvation, that thus our knowledge of Thy law may never rise in judgment against us, but guide us securely to Thee: through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL.

Look on the Gospel, which you are now going to hear, as the rule of your faith and morals; a rule which Christ himself has drawn up, which, at your baptism, you solemnly promised to follow, and by which you shall most certainly be judged.

IT is not Thy interpreters, O God! who are now to instruct me; it is Thy only Son; it is His word I am going to hear. I most gratefully embrace this heavenly doctrine. I rise up and declare, in the face of heaven and earth, that I will walk faithfully in that way which he has marked out for me. He tells me here, that it will avail a man nothing to gain the

whole world, if he lose his own soul; that the sensual, the covetous, the worldling, the libertine, the detractor, and such as are insensible to the miseries of the poor, shall have no share in His heavenly kingdom; and that, in order to become His disciple, I must take up my cross and follow Him. I receive, with all my heart, these sacred maxims: grant me the grace to put them in practice. For to what purpose, O my Jesus! should I declare myself Thy disciple, if I were not to live according to Thy gospel?

THE CREED.

Renew here your faith. All these things which the Church proposes to your belief, are founded on God's own word, revealed in the Scriptures, announced by the prophets and the apostles, supported by miracles, confirmed by the martyrs, verified by the establishment of our faith, and obvious by the sanctity of our religion.

CREDO in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem cœli et terræ, visibilium omnium, et invisibilium. Et

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And

in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum Et ex Patre natum ante omnia sæcula. Deum de Deo, Lumen de Lumine, Deum verum de Deo, vero. Genitum non factum, consubstantialem Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem, descendit de cœlis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu sancto ex Maria Virgine ET HOMO FACTUS EST. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis: sub Pontio Pilato passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum

in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; and born of the Father before all ages. God of God; Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; consubstantial with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and became incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, AND WAS MADE MAN. He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And the third day he

Scripturas. Et ascendit in cœlum, sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos: cujus regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritfinis.

rose again, according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He is to come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

Et in Spiritum sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem; qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur: qui locutus est per prophetas. Et unam, sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son: Who, together with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified: Who spoke by the prophets. And one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess

Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi sæculi. *Amen.*

one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY.

Consider what an advantage it is to have, in this great sacrifice, wherewith to honor God perfectly, to thank Him in a manner equal to His gifts, to blot out entirely your past sins, and to obtain, both for yourself and others, all the graces which you and they may need.

O HOLY Father, Almighty and Eternal God! how unworthy soever I be to appear in Thy presence, I dare to offer Thee this host, by the hands of the priest, with that intention which Christ my Saviour had, when He first instituted this sacrifice, and which He has, at this very instant that He immolates Himself for us. I offer it in acknowledgment of Thy supreme dominion over me and all creatures. I offer it in expiation of my crimes, and in thanksgiving for all Thy benefits,

I offer it to obtain of Thy infinite goodness, for my parents, benefactors, friends and enemies, all those precious graces which only through Him can be obtained, Who is the JUST ONE by excellence, and Who became a victim for the sins of men.

Accept then, O Lord! this ineffable sacrifice, as a sweet odor, and permit me to unite to this sacred oblation the sacrifice of my soul and body, and whatever I am or have. Change me, O Lord! and make me a new creature in Christ, as Thou art going to change this bread and wine by Thy power, to make them the body and blood of Thy Son.

THE WASHING OF THE FINGERS.

OH! what cleanness and purity of heart should we not bring with us to this great sacrifice! But alas! I am a poor, unclean, sinner. Oh! wash me, dear Lord! from all the stains of sin, in the blood of the Lamb, that I may be worthy to be present at these heavenly mysteries.

WHEN THE PRIEST SAYS, ORATE FRATRES.

RECEIVE, O Lord! from the hands of the priest, the sacrifice which is now prepared, for the praise and the glory of Thy name, for our benefit and that of all Thy holy Church. Graciously hear the prayers which she now offers to Thee, by the mouth of her minister, and mercifully grant us all the graces which Thou knowest to be necessary for our salvation.

THE PREFACE.

Raise your thoughts to heaven, to the very throne of the Divinity; and there, with most holy and respectful awe, pay homage to His glorious majesty, mingling your praises with those sacred hymns which the heavenly spirits are ever singing to Him.

DO Thou Thyself, O Lord! raise up my heart; inflame it with love; free it from earthly affections; let me be all in heaven, where my treasure is, and on the altar, where he is going to be. My life, O Lord! is a continued succession of Thy favors. Oh! let my thanksgivings be also uninterrupted; and since Thou art going to renew the greatest of sacrifices, should I not also break forth into the most lively

acknowledgments? Permit me, then, O Lord! to join my feeble voice with all the heavenly Spirits, and to say with them, in transports of joy and admiration, holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of armies! The heavens and the earth are filled with His glory! Blessed is He Who cometh in the name of the Lord! eternal King and God, as He Who sends him!

THE CANON.

Represent here to yourself the altar as a throne of mercy, upon which Christ is to sit, where you are entitled to present yourself, to expose to Him your wants, to ask for blessings, and to obtain them. Can He, who giveth us His only Son, refuse us anything?

O FATHER of mercy! graciously receive, by the hands of the priest, this most holy sacrifice in union with that which Thy beloved Son offered up to Thee during His whole life, at His last supper, and on the cross. Look down on Thy Christ, Thy dearest and only begotten, in Whom Thou art always well pleased; and by the infinite merits of His incarnation, of His nativity, of His tears, labors, sufferings and death, have mercy upon me,

and upon all those for whom I ought to pray, [*here name the particular persons,*] my parents, brethren, friends, benefactors, relations, and those who have injured me, or whom I have injured. I also beseech Thee to guard, prosper, and extend the holy Catholic Church; to pour down Thy blessing upon our chief pastor, the Pope, upon the bishops, and all the clergy; enlighten and guide them in the way of salvation. Bless and preserve our rulers and all our fellow-citizens. Look upon us all, I beseech Thee, with eyes of mercy and compassion. Bring us all to the perfect practice of a holy and virtuous life here, and to the possession of Thy eternal glory hereafter. May we all know Thee; may we fear, love and glorify Thee; through the same Jesus Christ, Who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Why have I not, O God! at this moment, the ardent sighs with which the holy patriarchs wished for the Messiah? Why have I not their faith and all their love?

Come, Lord Jesus! come, sweet Redeemer of the world! to accomplish a mystery which is an abridgment of all Thy wonders!

Thou art, indeed, the true Pastor of souls, Who didst lay down Thy life for Thy flock. Thou art the Lamb of God, that died upon the cross to save us. I prostrate myself in spirit before Thee, and desire to praise and bless Thee forever.

THE ELEVATION.

Behold your God, your Saviour, and your Judge; remain for a while in silent astonishment at what passes before you; call up all your fervor, and all those sentiments which fear, respect and confidence can inspire.

HAIL, Victim of Salvation! Eternal King! Incarnate Word, sacrificed for me and all mankind! Hail, precious Body of the Son of God! Hail, sacred flesh, torn with nails, pierced with a lance, and bleeding on a cross, for us poor sinners! O amazing goodness, O infinite love! Oh! let that tender love plead now in my behalf! let all my iniquities be here effaced, and my name be written in

the book of life! I believe in Thee; I hope in Thee; I love Thee. To Thee be honor, praise and glory from all creatures forever.

At the Elevation of the Chalice.

HAIL, sacred blood, flowing from the wounds of Jesus Christ, and washing away the sins of the world! Oh! cleanse, sanctify and preserve my soul, that nothing may separate me from Thee! Behold, O eternal Father! Thy holy Jesus, and look upon the face of Thy Christ, in Whom Thou art well pleased. Hear the voice of His blood, that cries out to Thee, not for vengeance, but for pardon and mercy. Accept this divine oblation and, through the infinite merits of all that Jesus endured on the cross for our salvation, be pleased to look upon us, and upon all Thy people, with an eye of mercy.

The Canon continued.

Contemplate, in the most affectionate manner, your Saviour here present. Reflect on the mysteries He here renews; unite the sacrifice of your heart to that of His body; offer Him to God His Father, with the several intentions, with which the sacrifice should be

offered, beseeching the Father of mercy to accept the prayers, which His dear Son addressed to Him in your behalf.

IT is now, O Eternal Majesty! that we truly and really offer Thee that pure, holy and immaculate victim, which, of Thyself, Thou hast been pleased to grant us, and of which other offerings were only the types. The sacrifices of Abel, of Abraham, and Melchisedech, were nothing compared to ours. This glorious victim, Thy dear Son Himself, the perfect object of Thy eternal love, is alone worthy of Thy altar, and an offering by so much the more precious than theirs as God is greater than all creatures.

OFFER THE MASS AS A SACRIFICE OF ADORATION.

O SOVEREIGN Lord of all things! graciously accept my humble homage, in union with that which Thou here receivest from Christ, Thy beloved Son, in Whom Thou art well pleased.—With Him, I offer Thee His own holy sacrifice, for the end He proposes, while He immolates Himself upon this altar. He alone knows

the boundless excellence of Thy unspeakable majesty. He alone fully comprehends the entire extent of Thy dominion. He beholds Thee as Thou art, and how all creatures, visible and invisible, depend on Thee. He clearly conceives that Thy right is absolute over all we are and all we possess or can hope for in this life and in eternity. It is to acknowledge this supreme dominion, and to make in His name a public profession of our total dependence upon Thee, that He renews every day, and that we renew with Him, this most holy sacrifice.

OFFER IT AS A SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING.

VOUCHSAFE also, dearest Lord! to receive this precious victim in thanksgiving for all Thy benefits. Thou hast created me to Thy own likeness; and without Thee, I must fall back into my original nothing. For my sake, Thy beloved Son gave Himself up to the cruelty of the Jews, and to an ignominious death; nor doth a moment of my existence pass away, without new proofs of Thy bounty.

Would, O Lord! I could, even at the price of my blood, acknowledge, in some degree, these numberless favors; but the offering I here make Thee, is far more acceptable: it is Thy own Son; equal in all things to Thee; the figure of Thy substance, the splendor of Thy glory.

AS A SACRIFICE OF EXPIATION.

REMEMBER, O merciful Father! that the sacrifice we are now offering to Thee, is a representation of that which was offered by our Saviour on the cross. May it be now again a propitiatory sacrifice. Pardon us our ingratitude. Our transgressions, it is true, are grievous and manifold; but then, O Lord! it is the blood of a God we offer in atonement.

AS A SACRIFICE OF IMPETRATION.

O GOD! Who art infinitely bountiful, be pleased now to crown all Thy favors by the gift of a lively faith, of a firm hope, of an ardent charity. Bless all my labors; give me clearly to know Thy holy will, and steadily to execute it; grant me

to persevere in Thy grace to the end of my life. Have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed, and particularly those whom I am bound to pray for. [*Name them.*] Deliver them, O Lord, from their sufferings, through the powerful merits of Thy Son.

PATER NOSTER.

Here, we are with Jesus on a new Calvary. Let us remain at the foot of His cross, with the tender compassion of the Blessed Virgin; with the ardent love of St. John; or standing afar off with Magdalen, let us weep bitterly over our offences. With sentiments like these, let us recite the Lord's Prayer with the priest.

PATER noster, qui, es in cœlis; sanctificetur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat voluntas tua sicut in cœlo et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie. Et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et

OUR Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass

nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem. *R.* Sed libera nos a malo. *P. Amen.*

against us. And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. *P. Amen.*

Deliver us, we beseech Thee, O Lord! from all evils, past, present, and to come: and by the intercession of the Blessed and ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and by that of the holy Apostles, Peter, Paul, Andrew, and of all the Saints, mercifully grant peace in our days, that, through the assistance of Thy mercy, we may be always free from sin, and secure from all disturbance, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

THE AGNUS DEI.

God, so glorious in heaven, so powerful on earth, so dreadful in hell, is here only a Lamb full of sweetness and bounty. He comes here to take away the sins of the world and your sins in particular. What a motive of confidence! What a subject of consolation!

O LAMB of God! sacrificed for my sake, have mercy on me. O adorable victim of my salvation! look down on me, and save me. Divine Mediator! obtain pardon of Thy Father for me, a sinner, and mercifully grant me the sweets of Thy peace. *Amen.*

THE COMMUNION.

To communicate spiritually, renew by an act of faith your firm belief in Christ's real presence. Make an act of contrition. Desire most earnestly to receive Him with the priest. Beg of Him to accept these desires, and to unite Himself to you in the effusion of His graces.

WHAT a comfort to me, O my God! were I in the number of those whose sanctity allows them to receive Thee daily! What an advantage! could I, at this instant, possess Thee in my heart, there pay Thee my homage, lay open to Thee my wants, and share in the favors which Thou grantest to those who receive Thee really! But since I am unworthy, do Thou, O Lord! supply my want of dispositions; pardon me my sins; I detest them from my heart, because they are displeasing to Thee. Accept my ardent wish

to be united to Thee; cast Thine eye upon me, and purify my soul, that I may soon be fit to receive Thee worthily. But until the arrival of this happy day, I earnestly entreat Thee, O dearest Lord! that Thou wouldst make me a sharer in all the advantages which the communion of the priest shall produce in these Thy people. Increase my faith by the virtue of this sacrament, strengthen my hope, fill my heart with love, that it may beat but for Thee and live for Thee alone. *Amen.*

THE LAST PRAYER.

Strive earnestly to offer your Lord sacrifice for sacrifice, by becoming the victim of His love. Immolate freely to Him all sinful inclinations, and whatever is contrary to His holy will.

THOU hast offered Thyself, O Lord! for my salvation; I desire to be sacrificed for Thy glory. I am Thy victim, do with me as Thou willest. Whatever I have, I consecrate entirely to Thee. Those crosses which Thou shalt please to send me, I most freely accept. I bless them; I receive them from Thy hand, and unite them with those Thou hast endured for my

sake. I am now about to leave Thy temple, resolved, with Thy help, to serve Thee faithfully. I will struggle against my failings, but chiefly against that to which I am most inclined. Thy law shall henceforth direct me, and I shall forfeit all, and suffer everything rather than mortally transgress it.

THE BENEDICTION.

Receive this blessing from the priest, as being given you in the name of the Lord. Thank Him sincerely for the favors here granted you; lay up with care the fruits of this sacrifice, and let your conduct be such that all who see you may clearly perceive how much you have profited by so holy an action.

MOST holy and adorable Trinity! by Thee we have begun this sacrifice, by Thee we desire to conclude it; we, therefore, shall not leave Thee, until Thou bless us. Give us, O Lord! Thy blessing, by the hands of this priest; may it ever remain with us; may it influence our actions and be the sure pledge of that last benediction which Thy elect will receive when called by Thee into eternal glory.

THE LAST GOSPEL.

DIVINE Word! only Son of the Father! Light of the world! Who camest from heaven to show us the way to it, I adore Thy Majesty with the most profound respect. I place my whole confidence in Thee. I hope most firmly that, as Thou art my God, a God made man to save mankind, Thou wilt grant me those graces my sanctification requires, and also the enjoyment of Thee in Thy glory.

A PRAYER AFTER MASS.

I EARNESTLY thank Thee, O my God! for having permitted me to assist at the celebration of this holy sacrifice, in preference to so many others who have not been thus favored. I humbly entreat Thee to pardon me the faults which I have committed during it, either by my inattention or my neglect. Grant that I remember, through the course of the day, what Thou hast here done for me. Grant that no thought, word, or action of mine deprive me of the graces of which, through Thy infinite mercy, I have been a partaker.

Manner of Serving a Priest at Mass.

INTROIBO ad altáre Déi.

C. Ad Déum qui lætificat juventútem mêam.

P. Judica me . . . . et doloso erue me.

C. Quia tu es, Déus, fortitúdo méa; quáre me repulísti et quáre trístis incédo, dum affligit me inimícus?

P. Emitte . . . . et in tabernacula tua.

C. Et introíbo ad altáre Déi, ad Déum qui lætificat juventútem méam.

P. Confitebor . . . et quáre conturbas me?

C. Spéra in Déo, quóniam ádhuc confitéborílli, salutáre vúltus méi, et Déus méus.

P. Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

C. Sicut érat in principio, et nunc et sémper, et in sæcula sæculórum. *Amen.*

P. Introibo ad altare Dei.

C. Ad Déum qui lætificat juventútem méam

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

C. Qui fécit cœlum et térram.

P. Confiteor, &c.

C. Misereátur túi, omnipotens Déus, et, dimissis peccátis túis, perdúcat te ad vitam ætérnam.

P. Amen.

C. Confiteor Déo omnipoténti, beátæ Maríæ sémper Virgini, beáto Michaéli Archángelo, beáto Joánni Baptistæ, sánctis Apóstolis, Pétro et Páulo, ómnibus Sánctis, et tibi, Páter, quía peccávi nimis, cogitatióne, vérbo et ópere; méa cúlpa, méa cúlpa, méa máxima cúlpa. Ideo précor beátam Mariam, sémper Virginem, beátum

Michaélem Archángelum, beátum Joánnem Baptístam, sánctos Apóstolos Pétrum et Páulum, ómnes Sánctos, et te, Páter, oráre pro me, ad Dóminum, Déum nóstrum.

P. Misereatur vestri . . . . æternam.

C. *Amen.*

P. Indulgentiam, absolutionem . . . . et misericors Dominus.

C. *Amen.*

P. Deus, tu conversus vivificabis nos.

C. Et plebs túa lætábitur in te.

P. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

C. Et salutáre túum, da nóbis.

P. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

C. Et clámor méus ad te véniat.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spíritu túo.

(After the Introit.)

P. Kyrie eleison.
C. Kyrie eleison.
P. Kyrie eleison.
C. Christe eleison.
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P. Kyrie eleison.
C. Kyrie eleison.
P. Kyrie eleison.

(After the Gloria.)

P. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu túo.

(At the end of the Collect.)

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
C. *Amen.*

(After the Epistle.)

C. Déo grátias.

(Before the Gospel.)

P. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
P. Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum *N.*
C. Glória tibi, Dómine.

(After the Gospel.)

C. Laus tibi, Christe.
P. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

(After the Lavabo.)

P. Orate fratres . . . Deum nostrum.
C. Suscípiat Dóminus sacrificium, de mánibus túis, ad laúdem et glóriam nóminis súi, ad utilitátem quóque nóstram, totiúsque eccléśiæ súuæ sánctæ.

(After the Preface.)

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
C. *Amen.*
P. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
P. Sursum corda.
C. Habémus ad Dóminum.
P. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.
C. Dígnum et jústum est.

(At *sanctus, sanctus,* &c., ring the little bell. Before the Consecration, when the Priest spreads his hands over the chalice, ring it again, also during the Elevation.)

(At the Pater.)

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
C. *Amen.*
P. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.
C. Sed libera nos a málo.

(Before the Agnus Dei.)

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
C. *Amen.*
P. Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

(At the Domine non sum dignus, ring the bell three times. After the Post Communion.)

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
C. *Amen.*
P. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
P. Ite, Missa est, or Benedicamus Domino.
C. Deo gratias.

(In Masses for the Dead.)

P. Requiescant in pace. *C.* *Amen.*

(Blessing.)

P. Benedicat vos . . . Spiritus sanctus.
C. *Amen.*

(Before the last Gospel.)

P. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
P. Initium sancti Evangelii, secundum Joannem.
C. Gloria tibi, Domine.

(After the Gospel.)

C. Deo gratias.

Daily Prayers.

BLESSING OF THE TABLE.

Before Breakfast.

BLESS us, O Lord! and these, Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bountiful hands: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

After Breakfast.

WE give Thee thanks, O Almighty God! for all Thy benefits: Who livest and reignest world without end. *Amen.*

And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

Before Dinner.

THE eyes of all hope in Thee, O Lord! and Thou givest them food in due season. Thou openest Thy hand and fill-

est with Thy blessing every living creature.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

℣. And lead us not into temptation.

℟. But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Bless us, O Lord! and these, Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bountiful hands: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

And may the Lord of eternal glory make us partakers of His heavenly Banquet. *Amen.*

AFTER DINNER.

LET all Thy works, O Lord, praise Thee!

And let Thy saints bless Thee!

Glory be to the Father, &c.

We give Thee thanks, O Almighty God! for all Thy benefits; Who livest and reignest world without end. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

℣. And lead us not into temptation.

℟. But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

The name of our Lord be blessed.

From henceforth, now and forever.

Vouchsafe, O Lord! for Thy name's sake, to give everlasting life to all our benefactors. *Amen.*

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

BEFORE SUPPER.

THE poor shall eat and shall be filled, and they shall praise the Lord who seek Him.

Their hearts shall live for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c. (*Continue as before dinner.*)

AFTER SUPPER.

HE hath made a remembrance of His wonderful works; being a merciful and gracious Lord, He hath given food to them that fear Him.

Glory be to the Father, &c. (*Continue as after dinner.*)

On fasting days, instead of the preceding, the same prayers are said, before and after supper, as at breakfast.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

AFTER DINNER.

BEFORE this awful Sacrament, let's now,
Our hearts and knees, in adoration bow.
When truth appears, let ancient types give way,
As shadows fly before the beams of day.
And, since in mysteries, our senses fail,
Let faith behold our Saviour thro' the veil.

To God the Father and Son, let us raise,
In sweet accord, our joyous song of praise,
And to the Holy Ghost, in mutual love,
Let every tongue send forth its praise above;
In concert with the angelic host, let us sing
Salvation, power and glory to our King.

℣. Thou hast given them bread from heaven.

℟. Having in it all that is delicious.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD! Who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy passion and death, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries

of Thy body and blood that we may always find in our souls the fruit of Thy redemption: Who livest and reignest, world without end. *Amen.*

FOR THE HEALTH OF THE FAMILY.

GRANT, O Lord! we beseech Thee, that we, Thy servants, may be blessed with continual health of soul and body, that, by the intercession of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, we may be delivered from present sorrows and be brought to eternal joys: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Pray for us, O holy, &c.

After Supper, the Prayer, *Before this awful Sacrament, &c.,* is said; that for the health of the family is omitted.

BEFORE SPIRITUAL READING.

COME, O Holy Ghost, &c.
Hail Mary, &c.

AFTER READING.

GOD is charity, and he that dwelleth in charity dwelleth in God, and God in him.

We fly to thy patronage, &c.
Hail Mary, &c.

PRAYERS SAID AT THE CLOSE OF THE FIFTEEN MINUTES OF DAILY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, IN THE MORNING.

ETERNAL praise and thanksgiving be to the most holy and most divine Sacrament of the Altar!

May the most just, the most high, and the most amiable will of God be in all things fulfilled, praised and exalted above all things forever!

O most bountiful God and Saviour! how happy are they who, free from worldly concerns, are able to offer to Thy sovereign Majesty their tribute of praise, of thanks, of homage and adoration, for that infinite love by which Thou remainest truly present on our altars, under the humble appearances of bread and wine.

Thou knowest, O Lord! that I cannot be always before Thy holy tabernacle; but I will honor and bless Thee as much as lies in my power, by uniting myself daily to those pious Christians who have associated themselves together to praise and glorify Thee. Accept their prayers, O Lord! and may they become likewise mine by the

society I have contracted with them, and by the union of our hearts and desires.

I OFFER up to God all my thoughts, words, actions and sufferings of this day, more particularly, all my prayers and devotions, through the holy and Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and I pray for the conversion of sinners, especially of those who have been recommended to my prayers, and for the sanctification of all in this community.

O Mary, conceived without sin, &c.

O Mary, refuge of sinners, &c.

Hail Mary, &c.

For the Fruits of the Earth.

GRANT, O Lord, that the fruits of the earth may, by Thy holy favor, increase and multiply. Defend them from all droughts, frosts, tempests, or whatever else may be hurtful to them. It is from Thy Hand only that we look for succor, and to Thee we have recourse in all our necessities. *Amen.*

DEVOTIONS AT NOON.

PRAYERS TO BE SAID EVERY DAY.

COME, O Holy Ghost, replenish the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy divine love.

℣. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

℟. And thou shalt redeem the face of the earth.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD! Who, by the light of the Holy Ghost, didst instruct the hearts of Thy faithful, grant us, by the same Holy Spirit, a love and relish of what is right and just, and a constant enjoyment of His comforts: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Hail Mary, &c.

During a few minutes, all in silence make the "Particular Examen." The following form may serve for private use.

LET me thank God for all the favors He has bestowed upon me—creation, redemption, faith, call to a Religious life, and particular graces, especially those granted since my last examen.

2. Let me beg for light to make this examen well, imploring the assistance of the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, St. Vincent, my guardian angel, my patron, &c.

3. Let me make my examen. (Here, recall to mind the subject of the particular examen, which must tend to the correction of a predominant evil or the acquisition of a needful virtue. This must have been the object of some special practical resolution at the close of the morning meditation. Enter into particulars: see *where, how* and *why* you have failed; compare the success of this with that of the preceding day.

4. Let me ask pardon of God for having offended Him, and beg for grace to do better in future.

5. Let me foresee the occasions of falling I may have, before the next examen, and resolve accordingly.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

O HOLY Mary! my sovereign Queen and most loving Mother, receive me under thy blessed patronage and special

protection, and into the bosom of thy mercy, this day and every day, and at the hour of my death. I recommend to thee my soul and body, I commit to thy care all my hopes and comforts, all my afflictions and miseries, my life and my death, that, by thy intercession and through thy merits, all my actions may be directed and disposed, according to thy will and the will of thy Blessed Son. *Amen.*

After the Prayer and Litany for the day, all say together the Acts of Faith, Hope and Love; Glory be to the Father, &c., seven times, Hail Mary, &c., the Angelus, and the following Invocations:

MAY the Divine assistance remain always with us. *Amen.*

And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

TO BE PROTECTED FROM FIRE.

WE fly to thy patronage, &c.
Pray for us, O holy Mother, &c.
Blessed St. Vincent, our holy Founder.
Pray for us and protect us.

SUNDAY.

Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity.

GLORY be to the Father, Who, by His power has brought me forth from nothing and created me to His own likeness. Glory be to the Son Who, by His wisdom, has delivered me from hell and opened heaven for me. Glory be to the Holy Ghost Who, by His mercy, has sanctified me in baptism, and still continues to sanctify me, by the graces which I every day receive from Him. Glory to the three adorable Persons of the blessed Trinity, as great, now and forever, as it was in the beginning. We adore Thee, O holy Trinity; we worship Thee; we most humbly give Thee thanks for having revealed to us this glorious, incomprehensible mystery. Grant that, by continuing to profess, to the last moment of our lives, this holy Faith, we may behold and glorify eternally in heaven what we are now believing on earth: One God in three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

THE LITANY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
O sacred Trinity, undivided Godhead of Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
O Sacred Trinity, true and only Deity,
O Sacred Trinity, holy and perfect unity,
O Sacred Trinity, three persons in one God of equal glory and eternal majesty.
O Sacred Trinity, from Whom, by Whom, and in Whom are all things,
O Sacred Trinity, the essential Being the unerring Truth, and the true Life,
O Sacred Trinity, our first principle and our last end.

Have mercy on us.

O Sacred Trinity, Who hast created Man to Thy image and likeness,
O God, the Father, eternal fountain of all being,
O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
O God, the Father, of Whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named
O God, the Father, Who hast chosen us in Thy Son before the creation of the world,
O God, the Father, Who didst so love the world as to give Thy only begotten Son to redeem it,
O God, the Father, Who seekest such as adore Thee in spirit and in truth
O God, the Father, Who hast adopted us as Thy children in Jesus Christ,
O God, the Father, Who hast prepared for us a glorious inheritance, if we love Thee and keep Thy commandments,
O God the Son, born of the Father, before all ages,
O God, the Son, light of light, true God of true God.

Have mercy on us.

O God, the Son, begotten, not made, equal and consubstantial to the Father,

O God, the Son, image of the invisible God, the splendor of His glory, and the figure of His substance,

O God, the Son, the eternal word of the Father,

O God, the Son, Who, to save us sinners, didst take upon Thyself the frail nature of man,

O God, the Son, Who hast been seen upon earth, and hast conversed with men,

O God, the Son, in Whom it has pleased the Father that all fulness should dwell,

O God, the Son, of whose fulness we all have received,

O God, the Son, Who, for our redemption, didst become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross,

O God, the Son, to Whom all power in heaven and earth is given by the Father,

Have mercy on us.

O God, the Son, Who, at the last and dreadful day, wilt come with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
O God, the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father, and the Son,
O God, the Holy Ghost, the eternal love of the Father, and the Son,
O God, the Holy Ghost, by Whom was wrought the glorious mystery of our Saviour's Incarnation,
O God, the Holy Ghost, best gift of the Father and the Son,
O God, the Holy Ghost, source of all goodness, and dispenser of all graces,
O God, the Holy Ghost, the strength and comforter of our souls,
O God, the Holy Ghost, by Whom the charity of God is poured into our hearts,
O God, the Holy Ghost, the sanctifier and perfecter of our souls,
Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
Spirit of counsel and fortitude,
Spirit of knowledge and godliness,

Have mercy on us.

Spirit of the fear of the Lord,
O Sacred Trinity, the object of our faith, hope, and love upon earth,
O Sacred Trinity, Whom we now see through a glass in an obscure manner,
O Sacred Trinity, Whom we shall behold face to face in heaven,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, &c.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

℣. Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the Holy Ghost.

℟. Let us praise and magnify Him forever.

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God! by Whose gift, Thy servants, in the confession of the true faith, acknowledge the glory of an eternal Trinity and, in the power of Majesty, adore a Unity; we beseech Thee that, by the firmness of the same faith, we may be secured from all adversities: through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

MONDAY.

Prayer for the Souls suffering in Purgatory.

O GOD of all consolation, sole Author of the salvation of souls! have mercy on those who suffer in Purgatory. Look with compassion on the greatness of their torments; they are more keenly devoured by their ardent desire of being united to Thee, than by the purging flames wherein they are plunged. With them, I adore Thy avenging Justice and confess the equity of Thy judgments. But since Thou art pleased to hear with favor the prayers which the members of Thy holy Church offer to Thee, in behalf of their brethren, graciously hear the supplications which I address to Thee for those suffering souls. Remember, O Lord! Thou art their Father, and they are Thy children. Forget the faults which, through the frailty of human nature, they have committed against Thee during the course of their mortal pilgrimage. Adorable Jesus! Victim of propitiation both for the living and the dead! vouchsafe, in Thy

quality of Redeemer, to apply the merits of Thy passion and death to the relief of those souls whom Thou punishest, as their sovereign Judge. Remember Thy faithful followers and Thy spouses. Let some drops of that precious blood which Thou hast shed for their salvation, flow on those devouring flames; and let the infinite price of that blood afford a full satisfaction for their offences. Deliver them, O most merciful God! from that place of darkness and torture and call them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Grant them the possession of the sovereign good, after which they so ardently sigh, and for which Thou hast created them. Receive them into Thy paternal bosom, where they will praise and love Thee for all eternity. *Amen.*

THE LITANY FOR THE DEAD.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy, &c.
God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy, &c.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy, &c.
Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Michael,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
St. John the Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. John,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
All ye holy Martyrs,
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Catharine,
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,

Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

All ye Saints of God, make intercession for the souls of the faithful departed.
Be merciful; spare them, O Lord.
Be merciful; hear them, O Lord.
From all evil,
From Thy wrath,
From the flame of fire,
From the region of the shadow of death,
Through Thy nativity,
Through Thy most holy name,
Through the multitude of Thy tender mercies,
Through Thy most bitter passion,
Through Thy most sacred wounds,
Through Thy immaculate conception,
Through Thy most precious blood,
Through Thy ignominious death, by which Thou hast destroyed our death,
O Lord deliver them.
We sinners, do beseech Thee to hear us.
O Thou! Who didst absolve the sinful woman and didst hear the prayer of the good thief,
That Thou vouchsafe to release our deceased parents, relatives and benefactors from the bonds of their
We beseech, etc.

sins and from the punishment thereof,
That Thou vouchsafe to hasten the day of visiting Thy faithful, detained in the receptacles of sorrow, and transport them to the city of eternal peace,
That Thou vouchsafe to shorten the time of expiation of their sins and graciously admit them into the sanctuary in which no unclean thing can enter,
That Thou vouchsafe, through the prayers and alms of Thy Church especially, the inestimable sacrifice of Thy holy altar, to receive them into the tabernacles of rest and to crown their longing hopes with everlasting fruition,
Son of God,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world! Give them rest.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world! Give them rest.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the

sins of the world! Give them eternal rest.

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

℣. And lead us not into temptation;

℟. But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

℣. From the gates of hell,

℟. Deliver their souls, O Lord.

℣. May they rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my supplication come unto Thee.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful! give to the souls of Thy servants departed, the remission of all their sins; that, through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Giver of pardon and the Lover of the salvation of men! we beseech Thy clemency in behalf of our brethren, kinsfolks, and benefactors, who have departed this life; that, by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the Saints, Thou mayest receive them into the joys of Thy everlasting kingdom: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Whose property is always to have mercy and to spare! be favorably propitious to the souls of Thy servants and grant them the remission of all their sins; that, being delivered from the bonds of this mortal life, they may be admitted to life everlasting: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

TUESDAY.

Prayer to our Guardian Angel.

O HOLY Angel, to whose care God in His mercy has committed me, thou who dost assist me in my wants, who consolest me in my afflictions, who supportest

me when dejected, and who constantly obtainest for me new favors, I return thee now most humble and sincere thanks; and I conjure thee, O amiable guide! to continue still thy care; to defend me against my enemies; to remove from me all occasions of sin; to obtain for me docility to thy holy inspirations; to protect me, in particular, at the hour of my death and then conduct me to the mansions of eternal repose. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL.

O GLORIOUS St. Michael, prince of the heavenly court, who standest always ready to give assistance to the people of God; who didst fight with the dragon, the old serpent, and didst cast him out of heaven, and now valiantly defendest the Church of God, that the gates of hell may never prevail against her; I earnestly entreat thee to assist me also in the painful and dangerous conflict which I have to sustain against the same formidable foe. Be with me, O mighty prince! that I may courageously fight and

happily vanquish that proud dragon whom thou hast, by the divine power, so gloriously overcome and whom our powerful King, Jesus Christ, has in our nature so completely overthrown; to the end that, having triumphed over the enemy of my salvation, I may, with thee and the holy Angels, praise the clemency of God, Who, having refused mercy to the revolted Angels, has granted repentance and forgiveness to fallen man. *Amen.*

The Litany of the Holy Angels.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Queen of Angels,
St. Michael, who always wast the defender of the people of God,
St. Gabriel, who wast appointed to announce the incarnation of the eternal Word,
St. Raphael, the conductor of Tobias,
Holy Seraphim,
Holy Cherubim,
Holy Thrones,
Holy Dominations,
Holy Virtues,
Holy Powers,
Holy Principalities,
Holy Archangels,
Holy Angels,
O ye, who stand around the throne of the most high God,
O ye, who always see the face of the Heavenly Father,
O ye, to whom God has committed the care and guardianship of mankind,
O ye, who brought forth Lot and his family from the midst of the wicked,
O ye, who ministered to Christ in the

Pray for us.

desert, when He had put the tempter to flight,
O ye, who carried Lazarus into Abraham's bosom,
O ye, who often delivered the servants of God from prison and dangers,
O ye, who often comforted the holy martyrs in the midst of torments,
O ye, who carry up and offer to God the prayers of His servants,
O ye, who have joy in heaven upon one sinner's doing penance,
O ye, who have been set over nations, kingdoms and provinces,
O ye, who will attend upon Jesus Christ, when He comes to judge the world,
O ye, ministering spirits, sent to minister for those who shall receive the inheritance of salvation,
O ye, Angels of the Lord, who are mighty in strength and execute His word, hearkening to the voice of His orders,

Pray for us.

O ye, the hosts of the Lord, His ministers, who do His will,
O thou holy Angel, my faithful guardian,
Holy Angel, my guide and my friend,
Holy Angel, my counsellor and powerful intercessor,
Holy Angel, my protector and comforter,
All ye orders of blessed spirits,
} Pray for us.

Be merciful unto us; spare us, O Lord.
Be merciful unto us; hear us, O Lord.

From all dangers, through Thy holy Angels,
From the snares of the devil, through Thy holy Angels,
From all sin, through Thy holy Angels,
From a sudden and unprovided death, through Thy holy Angels,
} O Lord, deliver us.

We sinners, do beseech Thee to hear us.
Through the intercession of Thy holy Angels, we beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou spare us,
That Thou pardon us,
That Thou vouchsafe to preserve and govern Thy holy Church,
That Thou vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,
That Thou vouchsafe to give eternal rest to all the faithful departed,
That thou vouchsafe to send Thy holy Angels to us at the hour of our death,
That Thou vouchsafe, after our death to receive our souls, through the hands of the Angels, into eternal bliss,
Son of God,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

Lamb of God, &c.

℣. All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits. pray for us.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, Who, in Thy wonderful providence, hast been pleased to ap-

point Thy holy Angels for our guardians, mercifully hear our prayers, and grant we may rest secure under their protection and enjoy their fellowship in heaven forever: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WEDNESDAY.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH.

O GREAT Saint! who art that wise and faithful servant whom God hath charged with the care of His family; thou whom He has established the guardian and protector of the life of Jesus, the consoler and support of His holy Mother, and her faithful associate in the great design of our redemption; thou who hadst the happiness to live with Jesus and Mary and to expire in their arms; chaste spouse of the Mother of God, model of pure, holy, and interior souls! be touched with the confidence we have in thee, and graciously accept these testimonies of devotion. We return God thanks for the favors He has bestowed on

thee, and we beg, through thy intercession, that we may imitate thy virtues. Pray for us then, O glorious Saint, and by that love thou always hadst for Jesus and Mary, and which Jesus and Mary had also for thee, obtain for us the incomparable advantage of living and dying in their holy love. *Amen.*

The Litany of St. Joseph.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
Holy Mary, spouse of St. Joseph,
St. Joseph, chosen by God to be the spouse of Mary,
St. Joseph, filled with the blessing of heaven,
} Pray for us.

St. Joseph, first among the patriarchs
St. Joseph, a helper given unto Mary, like unto herself,
St. Joseph, the Virgin Consort of a Virgin Mother,
St. Joseph, comfort of the Mother of God,
St. Joseph, Son of David,
St. Joseph, after Mary, first adorer of the Infant Jesus,
St. Joseph, the reputed father of the Son of God,
St. Joseph whom the Lord made master of His house and ruler of His possessions,
St. Joseph, ruler of the Lord of the universe,
St. Joseph, governor of the incarnate Wisdom,
St. Joseph, nursing father to Him by Whom all creatures live,
St. Joseph, organ of the divine Word reduced to silence,
St. Joseph, Saviour of the Saviour of mankind,

Pray for us.

St. Joseph, pattern of silence and resignation,
St. Joseph, head of the most noble and most holy family,
St. Joseph, honored and served by the King and Queen of Heaven,
St. Joseph, singularly beloved by Jesus and Mary,
St. Joseph, just and perfect man,
St. Joseph, accomplished model of an interior life,
St. Joseph, blessed with the happiness of dying in the arms of Jesus and Mary,
St. Joseph, piously believed to have risen with Jesus Christ,
St. Joseph, seated on a throne of glory near those of Jesus and Mary,
St. Joseph, special protector of dying Christians,

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, &c., (*three times*).

℣. Pray for us, O holy St. Joseph.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

ASSIST us, O Lord! we beseech Thee, by the merits of the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, that what our own power cannot obtain, may be given us by his intercession: Who livest and reignest world without end. *Amen.*

THURSDAY.

A PRAYER TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

O SWEET and adorable Jesus! Who, in the excess of Thy love, art pleased to dwell with us in the Sacrament of the altar! I here acknowledge Thee as my Sovereign and my God. I adore Thee with the most profound humility. I thank Thee with all my heart for the tenderness Thou here showest us, in spite of the treatment Thou receivest. Pierced with the sincerest grief, at the sight of our ingratitude, I come, O God of Majesty! to make Thee some poor amends for all the sacrileges and impiety which were ever committed, or ever will be committed against this adorable Sacrament. Why

cannot I, O God! sufficiently testify my own regret for having so often appeared before Thee with indifference and for having approached Thee with so little fervor and so little love? Forget, O Lord! our iniquities, that Thou mayest only remember Thy own infinite mercies. Deign to accept the desire I have of honoring Thee in this amiable Sacrament. Yes, I wish with all my heart to love Thee, to bless, to praise, and to adore Thee here as much as the Saints and Angels do; and I conjure Thee, by this sacred Body and this most precious Blood, that I may henceforth honor Thee so fervently and receive Thee so worthily that, after this life, I may praise Thee forever with Thy Saints in heaven. *Amen.*

The Litany of the Blessed Sacrament.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
O living Bread which came down from heaven,
O Saviour of Israel Who art truly a hidden God,
O Wheat of the Elect,
O Wine which makest virgins,
O Bread yielding dainties to kings,
Continual Sacrifice,
Clean Oblation,
Lamb without blemish,
Food of Angels,
Hidden Manna,
Memorial of the wonders of God,
Supersubstantial Bread,
Word made flesh and dwelling among us,
Holy Victim,
Chalice of benediction,
Mystery of faith,
Most high and venerable Sacrament,
Most holy Sacrifice, truly propitiatory for the living and the dead,

Have mercy on us.

Heavenly Antidote, by which we are preserved from sin,
Most Stupendous of all miracles,
Memorial of the most sacred passion of our Lord,
Gift of God, exceeding all fulness,
Singular Pledge of Divine love,
Overflow of divine liberality,
Most holy and august Mystery,
Remedy which confers immortality,
Awful and life-giving Sacrament,
Bread, by the omnipotence of the Word, changed into flesh,
Unbloody Sacrifice,
Our Food and our Guest,
Delicious Banquet at which ministering Angels are present,
Sacrament of piety,
Bond of unity,
Offerer and Oblation,
Spiritual Sweetness, tasted in its very source,
Refection of holy souls,
Viaticum of those who die in the Lord,
Pledge of the glory to come,

Have mercy on us.

Be merciful; spare us, O Lord.

Be merciful; hear us, O Lord.

From an unworthy receiving of Thy Body and blood,

From the concupiscence of the flesh,

From the concupiscence of the eyes,

From the pride of life,

From all occasions of sin,

By the desire with which Thou didst desire to eat this Pasch with Thy disciples,

By that profound humility, which prompted Thee to wash the feet of Thy disciples,

By that most ardent charity, which moved Thee to institute this divine Sacrament,

By Thy most precious blood, which Thou hast left to us on our altars,

By the five wounds which, for our sake, Thou didst receive in Thy most sacred body,

O Lord, deliver us.

We sinners, do beseech Thee to hear us.

We beseech Thee to hear us

That Thou vouchsafe to preserve and increase in our hearts the reverence and devotion due to this admirable Sacrament,

That Thou vouchsafe, by a sincere confession of our sins, to make us worthy of a frequent participation of the Holy Eucharist,

That Thou vouchsafe to deliver us from all heresy, perfidiousness, and blindness of heart,

That Thou vouchsafe to impart to us the precious and heavenly fruits of this holy Sacrament,

That Thou vouchsafe, at the hour of our death, to strengthen and comfort us with this celestial viaticum,

Son of God,

Lamb of God, &c., (*three times*).

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

℣. Thou hast given them bread from heaven.

℟. Having in it all that is delicious.

Let us Pray.

O GOD! Who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy passion, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Thy body and blood, that we may always find in our souls the fruit of Thy redemption: Who livest and reignest world without end.

Amen.

FRIDAY.

A Prayer to Jesus Suffering.

O SPOTLESS Lamb! O innocent Victim! Who by Thy death and blood hast effaced the sins of mankind, blot out my iniquities, and do not permit that Thy sufferings should become useless to me. O Jesus, abandoned by every one, sorrowful, desolate, and resigned to death! help me now to receive, with a resignation like Thine, whatever afflictions Thou shalt please to send me. O Jesus! calumniated, accused, despised! teach me to look down on the judgments of men and to suffer, with patience, the most base injuries. O

Jesus! torn with stripes, pierced with thorns, weltering in blood for my sake! teach me to endure, for love of Thee, the anguish and inconvenience of ill health and sickness. O Jesus! abandoned to executioners, shamefully condemned to a cross! enable me to fly all vain-glory and embrace the most humbling confusion. O Jesus! sinking under the weight of Thy cross! I unite myself to Thee and my cross also to Thine—may I ever carry it with the same strength and sweetness as Thou didst. O Jesus! raised upon Thy cross! draw me now powerfully to Thee; Thou art expiring for my sake, O let me never live but for Thine, that, being henceforth crucified with Thee, my whole occupation may be to love, to praise, and to adore Thee. *Amen.*

The Litany of the Life and Passion of Jesus Christ.

LORD, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, the desired of all nations,
Jesus, sent by the Father into the world,
Jesus, conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Jesus, the Word made Flesh,
Jesus, taking the form of a servant,
Jesus, in the womb of Mary, visiting and sanctifying John the Baptist,
Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, wrapped up in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger,
Jesus, adored by the shepherds in the stable,
Jesus, subjecting Thyself to the law of circumcision,
Jesus, adored by the wise men,
Jesus, presented in the temple,
Jesus, carried into Egypt,
Jesus, sought for by Herod, to be destroyed,
Jesus, brought up in Nazareth,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, lost by Thy holy Mother and found in the Temple in the midst of the Doctors,
Jesus, subject to Thy parents,
Jesus, baptized by John,
Jesus, fasting and tempted in the desert,
Jesus, conversing with men,
Jesus, choosing poor and illiterate men for Thy disciples,
Jesus, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God,
Jesus, healing all diseases and infirmities among the people,
Jesus, transfigured on the mountain,
Jesus, sold for thirty pieces of silver,
Jesus, washing Thy disciples' feet,
Jesus, eating the Pasch with Thy disciples,
Jesus, making a food of Thy body and a drink of Thy blood for the nourishment of our souls,
Jesus, prostrate in humble prayer in the Garden of Olives,
Jesus, thrown into an agony and covered with a bloody sweat,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, comforted by an Angel,
Jesus, betrayed by Judas with a kiss,
Jesus, tied and bound by Thy enemies,
Jesus, abandoned by Thy disciples,
Jesus, arraigned before Annas and Caiphas,
Jesus, struck on the face by a servant,
Jesus, accused by false witnesses,
Jesus, judged guilty of death,
Jesus, spit upon, blindfolded and buffeted,
Jesus, denied thrice by Peter,
Jesus, delivered in chains to Pilate,
Jesus, despised and mocked by Herod,
Jesus, rejected for Barabbas,
Jesus, cruelly scourged with whips,
Jesus, wounded and bruised for our sins,
Jesus, clothed in derision with a purple garment,
Jesus, crowned with thorns,
Jesus, with a reed in Thy hand, instead of a sceptre, derided and insulted as a mock king,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, most unjustly condemned to the ignominious death of the cross,
Jesus, loaded with a heavy cross and carrying it to Calvary,
Jesus, led as an innocent lamb to slaughter,
Jesus, nailed to the cross and elevated upon it, between two thieves.
Jesus, Who hast loved us and hast delivered Thyself for us as an oblation and a sacrifice to God,
Jesus, who didst wash us of our sins in Thy Blood,
Jesus, praying for Thy enemies,
Jesus, blasphemed by those who passed by,
Jesus, promising Paradise to the repenting thief,
Jesus, giving Mary to John for his mother,
Jesus, lovingly complaining of being forsaken by Thy Father,
Jesus, drenched in Thy thirst with vinegar and gall,
Jesus, recommending Thy spirit into Thy Father's hands,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bowing Thy head and expiring on the cross,

Jesus, whose side was opened with a spear, whence issued blood and water,

Jesus, taken down from the cross, wrapped in a linen cloth, and laid in a new sepulchre,

Jesus, Whose soul, after death, descended into hell,

Jesus, Who wast delivered up for our sins and Who didst rise for our justification,

Jesus, Who rising from the dead, diest now no more,

Jesus, ascending into heaven,

Jesus, Who sitteth at the right hand of God,

Jesus, crowned with honor and glory,

Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords,

Jesus, Who hast gone to prepare a place for us in the house of Thy Father,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, our Advocate before Thy Father, always living to make intercession for us,
Jesus, Who didst send the Holy Ghost to Thy disciples,
Jesus, Who wilt come at the last day to judge the living and the dead,
Jesus, Who wilt cast out the wicked into everlasting fire,
Jesus, Who wilt put Thy elect in possession of Thy eternal kingdom,

Have mercy on us.

Be merciful; spare us, O Lord.

Be merciful; hear us, O Lord.

From all evil,
From a sudden and unprovided death,
From the snares of the devil,
From anger, hatred and ill-will,
From everlasting death,
Through Thy most holy life,
Through Thy most bitter passion,
Through Thy unspeakable glory,
Through Thy infinite merits,

Lord, Jesus, deliver us.

We sinners, do beseech Thee to hear us.

That being dead to sin we may live to justice,
That we may glory in nothing but Thy holy cross,
That for the love of Thee the world may be crucified to us and we to the world,
That we may always bear about our body Thy mortification,
That we may crucify our flesh with its vices and concupiscences,
That we may take up our cross, every day, and follow Thee,
That we may seek above all things to know Thee, our crucified Jesus,
That Thy sacred blood may cleanse our consciences from dead works to serve the living God,
That, being dead to sin and buried together with Thee, we also may rise with Thee and walk in newness of life,
That, looking at the example Thou hast left us, we may follow Thy steps,
That, being partakers of Thy sufferings, we may also partake of Thy glory.

We beseech Thee to hear us.

Lamb of God, &c.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

℣. Truly He has borne our infirmities
℟. And He has carried our sorrows.

Let us Pray.

O GOD, Whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that, commemorating those sacred mysteries, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise: through the same Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

SATURDAY.

A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin.

O BLESSED Virgin! Mother of God and, by this august quality, worthy of all respect from men and angels, I come to offer thee my most humble homage, and to implore the aid of thy prayers and protection. Thou art all powerful with the

Almighty, and thy tender regard for mankind is equal to thy influence in heaven. Thou knowest, O Blessed Virgin! that, from my tender years I looked up to thee as my Mother, queen, patroness and advocate; thou wast pleased to consider me, from that time, as one of thy children, and whatever graces I have received from God, I confess with humble gratitude that it is through thee I have received them. Why was I not as faithful in thy service as thou wast bountiful in assisting me? But I will henceforth serve, honor, and love thee. Accept, O Blessed Virgin! my protestations of fidelity; look favorably on the confidence I have in thee; obtain for me of thy dear Son a lively faith, a firm hope, a tender, generous and constant love; obtain for me a purity that nothing can soil, a humility that nothing can exalt, a patient submission to the will of God that nothing can ever disturb. In fine, O glorious Virgin! obtain for me so faithful an imitation of thy virtue in my life that I may experience the power of thy protection, at the hour of my death. *Amen.*

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of Virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,

Pray for us.

Mother of our Saviour,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Vessel of singular devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,

Pray for us.

Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
} Pray for us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

HOLY Mary, Virgin Mother of God! I this day choose thee for my Mother, queen, patroness and advocate, and I firmly resolve never to depart, either by word or action, from the duty I owe thee, or

suffer those committed to my charge to say or do anything against thy honor.

Receive me, therefore, as thy servant forever; assist me in all the actions of my life, and forsake me not at the hour of my death. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF ST. BERNARD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

REMEMBER, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, that it has been unheard of through all ages, that any one who had recourse to thee, implored thy aid or sought thy intercession was ever abandoned. Animated with this confidence, I come to thee, O Virgin of virgins and Mother of my God; I cast myself at thy feet a wretched sinner groaning and weeping. O Mother of the Eternal Word, despise not this my humble supplication but graciously hear and mercifully grant my request. *Amen.*

THREE O'CLOCK ADORATION PRAYER.

Jesus Christ was made for us obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

WE adore Thee, our Lord Jesus Christ, dying on the cross; we give Thee thanks that Thou hast died to redeem us. Eternal Father, we offer Thee Thy dear Son, hanging on the cross, pierced with nails, crowned with thorns, naked, torn and bleeding, fainting, agonized and dying. Look upon the divine victim, accept our ransom, His precious blood, in payment for all we owe. We offer it for the souls in purgatory, for our departed sisters, for the sick, the afflicted, the agonized, for the conversion of sinners, for the perseverance of the just, for the grace of a holy life and a happy death, begging by His passion and death, mercy on our souls now and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

THE ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

IN the name of the Father, &c.

I believe in God, &c.

℣. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

℟. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

℣. Thou, O Lord, wilt open my lips.

℟. And my tongue shall announce Thy praise.

℣. Incline unto my aid, O God.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Five Joyful Mysteries.*

I.—The Incarnation.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how the Angel Gabriel saluted our blessed Lady with the title, *Full of Grace*, and declared unto her the Incarnation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Then say *Our Father*, &c., once. *Hail Mary*, &c., ten times.

When the *Hail Mary* has been repeated a tenth time, the decade finishes with *Glory be to the Father*, &c.; then follows the prayer.†

Let us Pray.

O HOLY Mary, Queen of Virgins! by the most high mystery of the In-

*The five Mysteries of the first part, called Joyful, are to be said on all Mondays and Thursdays, the Sundays of Advent, and after Epiphany till Lent.

†This method is to be observed in each part of the Rosary.

carnation of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by which our salvation was so happily begun, obtain for us, by thy intercession, light to know this so great a benefit which He hath bestowed upon us; vouchsafing in it to make Himself our brother, and thee, His own most beloved mother, our mother also. *Amen.*

II.—The Visitation.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the Angel, that her cousin, St. Elizabeth, had conceived, went with haste into the mountains of Juda to visit her, and remained with her three months. *Our Father*, &c.

Let us Pray.

O HOLY Virgin! most spotless mirror of humility, by that exceeding charity which moved thee to visit thy holy cousin, St. Elizabeth, obtain for us, by thy intercession, that our hearts may be so visited by thy most holy Son, that, being free from all sin, we may praise Him and give Him thanks forever.

Amen.

III.—The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Bethlehem.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the time of her delivery was come, brought forth our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, at midnight, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for Him in the inn of Bethlehem. *Our Father*, &c.

Let us Pray.

O MOST pure Mother of God! by thy virginal and most joyful delivery, in which thou gavest unto the world thy only Son, our Saviour, we beseech thee to obtain for us, by thy intercession, grace to lead so pure and holy lives in this world, that we may worthily sing without ceasing, both day and night, the mercies of thy Son and His benefits to us by thee.

Amen.

IV.—The Oblation of our Blessed Lord in the Temple.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how the most Blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her purification, presented the child Jesus in the temple, where holy Simeon, giving thanks to God with great devotion, received Him into his arms. *Our Father*, &c.

Let us Pray.

O HOLY Virgin! most adorable mistress and pattern of obedience, who didst present in the temple the Lord of the temple, obtain for us of thy beloved Son, that, with holy Simeon and devout Anna, we may praise and glorify Him forever. *Amen.*

V.—The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, having lost, without any fault of hers, her beloved Son in Jerusalem, sought Him for the space of three days, and, at length, found Him the third day in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them, being of the age of twelve years. *Our Father*, &c.

Let us Pray.

MOST Blessed Virgin! more than martyr in thy sufferings, and yet the comfort of such as are afflicted, by that unspeakable joy wherewith thy soul was ravished, in finding thy beloved Son in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them, obtain of Him for us, so to seek Him and to find Him in

the Holy Catholic Church, that we may never be separated from Him.

Salve Regina.

HAIL holy Queen! Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! to thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping, in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and, after this our exile is ended, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus! O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary!

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

O GOD! Whose only begotten Son by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that in meditating upon these Mysteries in the most holy Rosary of the blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain,

and obtain what they promise: through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Five Dolorous Mysteries.*

I.—The Prayer and Bloody Sweat of our Blessed Saviour in the Garden.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus was so afflicted for us in the garden of Gethsemani, that His body was bathed in a bloody sweat, which ran trickling down in great drops to the ground.

Our Father, &c. *Hail Mary*, &c. *Glory be to the Father*, &c., as before.

Let us Pray.

MOST holy Virgin! more than martyr, by that ardent prayer which thy most beloved Son poured forth unto His Father in the garden, vouchsafe to intercede for us, that, our passions being reduced to the obedience of reason, we may always and in all things, conform and subject ourselves to the will of God.

Amen.

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*These five Mysteries of the second part, called Dolorous or Sorrowful, are to be said on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the year and Sundays in Lent.

II.—The Scourging of our Blessed Lord at the Pillar.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ was most cruelly scourged in Pilate's house, the number of stripes they gave Him being about five thousand, as it was revealed to St. Bridget. *Our Father*, &c.

Let us Pray.

O MOTHER of God! overflowing fountain of patience, by those stripes thy only and most beloved Son vouchsafed to suffer for us, obtain of Him for us grace that we may know how to mortify our rebellious senses and cut off all occasions of sinning, with that sword of grief and compassion which pierced thy most tender soul. *Amen.*

III.—The Crowning of our Blessed Saviour with Thorns.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how those cruel ministers of Satan plaited a crown of sharp thorns and most cruelly pressed it on the sacred head of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Our Father*, &c.

Let us Pray.

O MOTHER of our eternal Prince and King of glory! by those sharp

thorns, wherewith His most holy head was pierced, we beseech thee, that, by thy intercession, we may be delivered here from all motions of pride and, in the day of judgment, from that confusion which our sins deserve. *Amen.*

IV.—Jesus carrying His Cross.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being sentenced to die, bore with the most amazing patience the Cross which was laid upon Him for His greater torment and ignominy. *Our Father*, &c.

Let us Pray.

O HOLY Virgin! example of patience, by the most painful carrying of the Cross, in which thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, bore the heavy weight of our sins, obtain of Him for us courage and strength to follow His steps and bear our cross after Him to the end of our lives. *Amen.*

V.—The Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, being come to Mount Calvary, was stripped of His clothes and His hands and feet most cruelly

nailed to the Cross, in the presence of His most afflicted Mother. *Our Father*, &c.

Let us Pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of God! as the body of the beloved Son was for us extended on the Cross, so may our desires be daily more and more stretched out in His service and our hearts wounded with compassion for His most bitter passion. And thou, O most blessed Virgin, graciously vouchsafe to help us to accomplish the work of our salvation, by thy powerful intercession. *Amen.*

Hail, holy Queen, &c., with the verse and prayer at Page 164, as before.

THE FIVE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES.*

I.—The Resurrection of Christ from the Dead.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, triumphing gloriously over death, rose again the third day, immortal and impassible.

Our Father, &c. *Hail Mary*, &c. *Glory be to the Father*, &c., as before.

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*These Mysteries are assigned for Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year, and Sundays from Easter until Advent.

LET US PRAY.

O GLORIOUS Virgin Mary! by that unspeakable joy thou receivedst in the resurrection of thy only Son, we beseech thee, obtain of Him for us, that our hearts may never go astray after the false joys of this world, but may be ever and wholly employed in the pursuit of the only true and solid joys of heaven. *Amen.*

II.—THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST INTO HEAVEN.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after His resurrection, ascended into heaven, attended by Angels, in the sight of His most holy Mother, his holy Apostles and disciples, to the great admiration of them all. *Our Father*, &c. &c.

LET US PRAY.

O MOTHER of God! comfort of the afflicted, as thy beloved Son, when He ascended into heaven, lifted up His hands and blessed His Apostles, so vouchsafe, most holy Mother, to lift up thy pure hands to Him for us, that we may enjoy the benefit of His blessing and Thine, here on earth and hereafter in heaven. Amen.

III.—The Coming of the Holy Ghost to His Disciples.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated on the right hand of God, sent, as He had promised, the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles, who, after He was ascended, returned to Jerusalem, and continued in prayer and supplication with the Blessed Virgin Mary, expecting the performance of His promise. *Our Father*, &c.

Let us Pray.

O SACRED Virgin! tabernacle of the Holy Ghost, we beseech thee, obtain by thy intercession, that this most sweet comforter, whom thy beloved Son sent down upon His Apostles, filling them thereby with a spiritual joy, may teach us, in this world, the true way of salvation and make us walk in the path of virtue and good works. *Amen.*

IV.—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how the glorious Virgin Mary, after the resurrection of her Son, passed out of this world unto Him and was by Him assumed into heaven, accompanied by the holy Angels. *Our Father*, &c.

Let us Pray.

O MOST prudent Virgin! who, entering into the heavenly palace, didst fill the holy Angels with joy, and man with hope, vouchsafe to intercede for us in the hour of death, that, free from the illusions and temptations of the devil, we may joyfully and successfully pass out of this temporal state to enjoy the happiness of eternal life. *Amen.*

V.—The Coronation of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary in Heaven.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how the glorious Virgin Mary was, with great jubilee and exaltation of the whole court of heaven and particular glory of all the Saints, crowned by her Son with the brightest diadem of glory. *Our Father*, &c.

Let us Pray.

O GLORIOUS Queen of all the heavenly Citizens! we beseech thee, accept this Rosary, which, as a crown of roses, we offer at thy feet; and grant, most gracious Lady, that by thy intercession, our souls may be inflamed with so ardent a desire of seeing thee so gloriously crowned, that it may never die in

us, until it shall be changed into the happy fruition of thy blessed presence.

Amen.

Hail, holy Queen, &c., with the verse and prayer, at Page 164, as before.

During the fifteen minutes of silence which follow the recitation of the Rosary, the general examen is made, for which Bishop David gives the following directions:

THE first point may be an act of thanksgiving to the Lord for the benefits we have received.

The second may be a prayer to know our faults and correct them.

The third may be an exact discussion and examination of the sins we have committed during the day. We must demand a rigorous account of our souls of what we have said, thought and done, hour by hour. The same method and order as that given for the particular examen may be followed.

The fourth may consist in asking pardon of God for the sins into which we have fallen.

Prayer of St. Francis Xavier for the Conversion of Infidels and Heretics.

ETERNAL God! Creator of all things, remember that the souls of infidels and heretics were created by Thee and made to Thy own image and likeness. Behold, O Lord! how, to Thy dishonor, hell daily is replenished with them. Remember that Thy Son Jesus Christ hath suffered a most cruel death for their salvation; suffer not, O Lord! Thy Son to be any longer despised by infidels and heretics; but rather, being appeased by the prayers of Thy Saints and of the Church the most holy spouse of Thy Son, vouchsafe to be mindful of Thy mercy, and forgetting their idolatry and infidelity, cause them also to know Him Whom Thou didst send, Jesus Christ our Lord, in Whom are our salvation, life and resurrection, by Whom we are made free and safe, to Whom be all glory forever. *Amen.*

O MOTHER of the light,
Have pity on the blind;
From error's fatal night,
Free their deluded mind.
To thy Son's fold, recall
The unhappy sheep that stray;
Protect and lead us all
To the blessed realms of day.

The *Angelus* is then said, after which come the usual invocations:

MAY the divine assistance remain always with us. *Amen.*

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

To be Protected from Fire.

WE fly to thy patronage, &c.
Pray for us, &c.
Blessed St. Vincent, &c.

Devotions for Confession.

BEFORE THE EXAMEN OF CONSCIENCE.

Act of Adoration.

SUPREME and adorable Majesty, God of heaven and earth! I firmly believe that Thou art here present, and that Thou seest me, and knowest the dispositions of my heart. I adore Thee, and render Thee my humble homage, acknowledging Thee for My God, my Creator, and Sovereign Redeemer. In testimony of this, my faith, I prostrate my soul and body before the throne of Thy infinite Majesty, and offer Thee the adoration which is due to Thee alone.

Invocation of the Holy Ghost, the Blessed Virgin and the Saints.

O FATHER of lights! Who enlightenest every man that comes into the

world, I am firmly convinced that I am absolutely incapable of discerning my offences without Thy assistance. O divine Spirit of light and truth! descend into my heart and grant me one ray of that light which will enlighten my soul at the moment of her departure from this world. Alas! I shall then see my sins in their true colors, when it will be too late to renounce or detest them; but now is "*the acceptable time, the day of salvation,*" every moment of which is precious. Oh! do not then refuse me Thy assistance, send into my heart a ray of light, of love and sorrow, that I may know, detest and confess the sins which I have committed against Thee. Mother of my God, who art so charitable to sinners that sincerely desire to be converted, assist me by thy intercession. My holy Angel, help me to discover the sins by which I have offended my God. My blessed patrons, and all ye Saints of heaven, pray for me, that I may bring forth worthy fruits of penance.

A SHORT METHOD FOR EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE, WHICH MAY SERVE FOR THE WEEKLY CONFESSION, ACCORDING TO OUR THREEFOLD DUTY TO GOD, OUR NEIGHBOR, AND OURSELVES.

I.—IN RELATION TO GOD.

HAVE you omitted any spiritual exercise without necessity and permission? Have you prayed negligently, and with wilful distractions?

2. Have you spoken irreverently of God and holy things? Have you violated the truth by falsehoods or equivocation?

3. Have you omitted your duty through human respect or interest?

4. Have you resigned your will to God in troubles, necessities, sickness?

II.—IN RELATION TO YOUR NEIGHBOR.

HAVE you disobeyed your superiors, murmured against their commands or spoken of them contemptuously?

2, Have you been peevish, troubled, or impatient when told your faults, and have you then corrected them? Have you scorned the good advice of your superiors, or censured their proceedings?

3. Have you offended any one by injurious words or actions, or given way to hatred, jealousy, or revenge?

4. Or lessened their reputation by any sort of detraction? Have you formed rash judgments, or spread any report, true or false, by which your neighbor was undervalued or exposed to contempt?

5. Have you, by tale-bearing or otherwise, created discord or misunderstanding among others?

6. Have you been ill-natured or peevish towards any one in your manner and conversation; or taken pleasure in vexing, mortifying or provoking them?

7. Have you been excessive in reprehending those under your care, or failed to give them just reproof? Have you patiently borne with their oversights and imperfections, and given them good counsel and example?

III.—IN RELATION TO YOURSELF.

HAVE you been obstinate in following your own will, or in defending your own opinion in things either indifferent or dangerous?

2. Have you taken pleasure in hearing yourself praised, or acted from motives of vanity or human respect?

3. Have you indulged in too much ease and sloth? Have you carefully avoided all thoughts of infidelity, distrust, presumption?

4. Have you spent the time of recreation as directed by the rule? Have you wasted time, spent it in useless employment, not directed by obedience, or by unprofitable reading, and thereby perhaps omitted or put off your devotions or other duties to unseasonable times?

On the Vow of Poverty.

How do I observe my vow of poverty? do I often call to mind that in quitting the world I have renounced all property in earthly things? do I resolve in mind how tenderly Jesus Christ cherished holy poverty, and am I endeavoring to keep myself perfectly disengaged from the things of this world? am I contented with the food and raiment allowed me? do I possess anything superfluous? Do

I look upon anything as my own? Is there anything allowed to my use which I would find it difficult or painful to resign?

ON THE VOW OF CHASTITY.

Do I esteem nothing more precious than this heavenly gift—and do I place that strict guard upon my senses prescribed by my rule, lest the enemy should penetrate through these avenues and tarnish the purity of my soul?

ON THE VOW OF OBEDIENCE.

Do I continually bear in mind that by my vow of obedience I have forever resigned my will to the direction of my superior? do I obey her as holding her authority from God? do I comply without hesitation with all the directions of my superior, whether in matters of great or little moment, agreeable or disagreeable? do I ever murmur? do I absent myself from the common exercises without leave? do I obey the call of the bell as the voice of God?

A Prayer to Obtain of God the Grace of Sincere Contrition.

I HAVE now, O my God! aided by Thy grace, endeavored to discover the number of my transgressions, and have examined the state of my conscience to the best of my power. But alas! O Judge of the living and the dead, how far different is my judgment from thine! How many offences are, perhaps, still hidden from my view, though perfectly known to Thee. But, my God, as I am persuaded that it is not so much a knowledge of their number as sorrow for their deformity that Thou requirest, I now earnestly implore Thee to give me that lively, sincere, efficacious contrition which is a necessary condition of my pardon. My heart was formed by Thee, Thou alone canst change it; it is in Thy hands; and though most ungrateful, most insensible, it is not too obdurate for Thee to penetrate and soften. One drop of Thy adorable blood, one of those precious tears, which my offences drew from Thine eyes would suffice to produce in my soul the most lively contri-

tion. Ah! look on me, Eternal Light, and my understanding will be enlightened to conceive the enormity of sin; touch my heart and it will be broken with sorrow for having ever offended Thee. Convert me, and I shall be converted; for my destruction, my misery, and my misfortune come from myself, but my salvation must come from Thee, O my merciful Father, from Thee, Whom I have so ungratefully abandoned, and so grievously offended.

CONSIDERATIONS THAT MAY EXCITE TO CONTRITION.

THE enormity of sin and the punishment it deserves.

The goodness of God, Who is offended by sin. His special right to your fidelity.

The presence of God before Whom sin is committed

ACT OF CONTRITION.

O MY God! suffer Thy merciful Heart to be moved by my true repentance. Oh! would that the liveliness of my regret could equal the extent of my faults!

Supply sorrow for me, O agonizing Heart of Jesus; distil into my sin-sick heart, one drop of that bitterness which drenched Thy soul in the garden of Olives. Pardon, O my God, all the evil that I have committed or caused others to commit. Pardon me all the good that I have omitted or done badly; forgive all the sins that I know, or that my self-love hides from me. I detest them and desire to repair them at the price of all I hold most dear.

Resolution.

NOW, O my God! I desire to immolate to Thee all that I am; I consecrate to Thee anew my entire being, to be employed in serving Thee alone. Alas! because Thou art good, I have abused Thy benefits in order to offend Thee; but I now firmly resolve to avoid sin and to shun its occasions, and labor efficaciously in correcting my faults. (Specify the faults to which you are most inclined, and which you will particularly strive to eradicate.) Yes, O my God, I would willingly

endure death rather than ever more offend Thee. I will fly sin, whatever it may cost me. I will avoid all occasions of sin. My passions will rise, but with the help of grace, I will repress them. Henceforth, no more wilful thoughts, words or deeds contrary to charity, no more impatience or anger, no more sloth in Thy service, no omissions in my duties, no more attachment to my own thoughts or to my own will; I will lead an entirely different life for the future; I will love Thee, O my God, with my whole heart; I will die rather than offend Thee more.

My sweetest Mother, Mother of sorrows, by those tears which Thou didst shed at the foot of the cross, obtain for me a most lively, sincere, pure, sorrow for my sins, that, when I receive absolution from the minister of God, I may receive the abundant fruit of the blood shed by Jesus for love of me. Do thou assist me, that I may accuse myself of all my sins, with simplicity and sincerity, that I may detest them all, and thus recover the grace and friendship of my God.

After Confession.

O JESUS Christ, Saviour of the World Who invitest the sinner to return to Thee, how shall I testify the joy and gratitude that fill my heart? Oh! that I could worthily thank Thee, O my God, and acknowledge as I ought that infinite mercy, which forgiveth all my iniquities, which healeth all my diseases. But, Lord, hast Thou not said, that those to whom much has been forgiven should love Thee much? Oh! let me then love Thee unceasingly, and sincerely begin, from this happy day, to serve Thee alone.

O my Jesus, my Saviour, remember that with Thy precious blood Thou wast pleased to redeem my sinful soul; to Thy sacred wounds I, therefore, hasten for refuge; vouchsafe to impart to me the benefits of Thy passion and death. Grant that I may never again crucify Thee by any wilful offence, but that, sincerely grieving for the past, and resolutely striving against present temptations, I may fervently persevere to the end in Thy love and service.

O holy Virgin, and all ye Saints and Angels, bless and extol the Lord for His infinite mercies; beg of Him to accept the confession I have made, to supply, through His goodness, all its deficiencies, and graciously to confirm in heaven the sentence of absolution which has been pronounced upon me on earth.

PRAYER TO OBTAIN PERSEVERANCE.

WHAT thanks do I not owe Thee, O my God! not only for having created me, redeemed me, and called me to be Thy spouse, but also for having waited for me, when I was in the unfortunate state of sin; for having pardoned me so often, as I hope Thou hast just now done; and for having preserved me from so many other sins into which I should have fallen, had not Thy grace promptly assisted me.

But my enemies will not cease to tempt me as long as I live, and, if Thou support me not, I shall quickly offend Thee again, and, perhaps, more grievously than before. Grant me then, O my God, in the name of Jesus Christ, holy perseverance. This di-

vine Saviour has promised that Thou wouldst grant whatever we should ask Thee in His name; by the merits then of this divine Son, O Father of mercies, grant me the grace never to forsake Thee. I ask this inestimable favor for all who have the happiness to be in Thy holy love. Yes, Lord, I am confident that, if I continue to pray for perseverance, I shall obtain it, for Thou hast promised to hear all those who pray with confidence. But I tremble, lest in some unhappy moment I should cease to pray, and should thereby be lost. One more grace then, I ask in the name of Jesus and Mary; it is the grace never to cease to pray, and, above all, to have immediate recourse to Thee in all my temptations, by invoking the sweet names of Jesus and Mary. By this means, O my God, I firmly hope to die in Thy grace and to love Thee forever in Paradise, where I shall be sure of never more being separated from Thee, and of burning forever with the fire of Thy divine love. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO OFFER THE PENANCE ENJOINED IN CONFESSION.

O MY God and my Creator! I offer Thee the penance which I am about to perform; I desire to fulfil it with the utmost devotion, contrition and humility. But I know it is inadequate to my sins, and anything I could do, would be incapable of blotting out the least of my offences. Permit me then to unite this penance as well as all the actions, pains and sufferings of my life, which I now offer in the spirit of penance, to the bitter sufferings of my Redeemer, to the great sacrifice of expiation, which Jesus offered on Mount Calvary for my sins; also to the merits of the Blessed Virgin, to the penance and sufferings of all the Saints and all the just, that thereby, the deficiencies of my imperfect satisfaction may be abundantly supplied.

Devotions for Communion.

PRAYERS BEFORE COMMUNION.

From St. Liguori.

Act of Faith.

"Behold, He cometh, leaping upon the mountains, skipping over the hills." (*Cant.* ii, 8.)

OH! my most amiable Saviour! over how many, what rough and craggy mountains hast Thou had to pass in order to come and unite Thyself to me by means of this most holy Sacrament! Thou, from being God, hadst to become man; from being immense, to become a babe; from being Lord, to become a servant. Thou hadst to pass from the bosom of the Eternal Father to the womb of a virgin; from heaven into a stable; from a throne of glory to the gibbet of a criminal. And on this very morning, Thou wilt come from Thy seat in heaven to dwell in my bosom.

"Behold, He standeth behind our wall, looking through the windows, looking through the lattices. (*Cant. ii,* 9.) Behold, O my soul, thy loving Jesus, burning with the same love with which He loved thee when dying for thee on the cross, is now concealed in the Most Blessed Sacrament, under the sacred species.

He is looking at you who are, this morning, about to feed upon His divine flesh; He observes your thoughts, what it is you love, what you desire, what you seek, and what offerings you are about to make Him.

Awake, then, my soul, and prepare to meet thy Jesus; and, in the first place, by faith, say to him: O hidden God, unknown to the greater part of men, I believe, I confess, I adore Thee, in the Most Holy Sacrament, as my Saviour and my Lord! And in acknowledgment of this truth, I would willingly lay down my life. Thou comest to enrich me with Thy graces, and to unite Thyself all to me; how great then should be my confidence in this so loving visit!

ACT OF CONFIDENCE.

MY soul, expand thy heart! Thy Jesus can do thee every good, and indeed, loves thee. Hope thou for great things from this thy Lord, Who, urged by love comes all love to thee. Yes, my dear Jesus, my Hope, I trust in Thy goodness, that, in giving Thyself to me this morning, Thou wilt enkindle in my poor heart the beautiful flame of Thy pure love, and a real desire to please Thee; so that, from this day forward, I may never will anything but what Thou willest.

ACT OF LOVE.

OH! my God, my God! true and only love of my soul, what more couldst Thou have done to be loved by me? To die for me was not enough for Thee, my Lord; Thou wast pleased to institute this great Sacrament in order to give Thyself all to me, and thus bind and unite Thyself heart to heart with so loathsome and ungrateful a creature as I am. And what is more, Thou Thyself invitest me to receive Thee, and desirest so much that I should do so! O boundless love! incomprehen-

sible love! infinite love! A God would give Himself all to me!

My soul, believest thou this? O God, O God! O infinite amiability, alone worthy of all love, I love Thee with my whole heart, I love Thee above all things, I love Thee more than myself, more than my life! Oh, could I but see Thee loved by all! Oh, could I but cause Thee to be loved by all hearts as much as Thou deservest! I love Thee, O most amiable God, and I unite my miserable heart in loving Thee to the hearts of the seraphim, to the heart of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, to the heart of Jesus, Thy most loving and most beloved Son. So that, O infinite Good, I love Thee with the love with which the Saints, with which Mary, with which Jesus loves Thee. And I love Thee only because Thou art worthy of it, and to give Thee pleasure. Depart, all earthly affections which are not for God, depart from my heart. Mother of fair love, Most Holy Virgin Mary, help me to love that God Whom thou dost so ardently desire to see loved!

ACT OF HUMILITY.

THEN, my soul, thou art even now about to feed on the most sacred flesh of Jesus! And art thou worthy? My God, who am I and who art Thou? I indeed know and confess whom Thou art Who givest Thyself to me; but dost Thou know what I am, who am about to receive Thee? Is it possible, O my Jesus, that Thou Who art infinite purity, desirest to come and reside in this soul of mine, which has been so many times the dwelling of Thy enemy, and soiled with so many sins? I know, O my Lord, Thy great majesty and my misery; I am ashamed to appear before Thee. Reverence would induce me to keep at a distance from Thee; but if I depart from Thee, O my life, whither shall I go? to whom shall I have recourse? and what will become of me? No, never will I depart from Thee; nay, even, I will ever draw nearer and nearer to Thee. Thou art satisfied that I should receive Thee as my food, Thou even invitest me to this. I come then, O my amiable Saviour, I

come to receive Thee this morning, all humbled and confused at the sight of my defects, but full of confidence in Thy tender mercy, and in the love Thou bearest me.

ACT OF CONTRITION.

I AM indeed grieved, O God of my soul! for not having loved Thee during the time past; so far from loving Thee, I have to gratify my own inclinations, greatly offended and outraged Thy infinite goodness: I have turned my back against Thee. I have despised Thy grace and friendship; in fine, O my God, I was deliberately in the disposition to lose Thee. Lord, I am sorry, and I grieve for it with my whole heart. I detest the sins which I have committed, be they great or small, as the greatest of all my misfortunes, because I have thereby offended Thee, O infinite Goodness. I trust that Thou hast already forgiven me; but if Thou hast not yet pardoned me, oh, do so before I receive Thee: wash with Thy blood this soul of mine, in which Thou art so soon about to dwell.

ACT OF DESIRE.

AND now, my soul! the blessed hour is arrived, in which Jesus will come and take up His dwelling in my poor heart. Behold the King of Heaven, behold thy Redeemer and thy God, Who is even now coming; prepare thyself to receive Him with love, invite Him with the ardor of Thy desire; come, O my Jesus! come to my soul which desires Thee. Before Thou givest Thyself to me, I desire to give Thee, and I now give Thee, my miserable heart; do Thou accept it and come quickly to take possession of it.

Come, O my God! hasten, delay no longer. My only and infinite Good, my Treasure, my Life, my Paradise, my Love; my All, my wish is to receive Thee with the love with which the most holy and loving souls have received Thee; with that with which the Most Blessed Virgin Mary received Thee; with their Communions, I receive this one of mine.

Most Holy Virgin and my Mother Mary, behold, I already approach to receive Thy Son! Would that I had the heart and

love with which thou didst communicate! Give me this morning thy Jesus, as thou didst give Him to the shepherds and to the kings. I intend to receive Him from thy most pure hands. Tell Him that I am thy servant and thy client, for He will then look upon me with a more loving eye, and now that He is coming, will press me more closely to Himself.

Prayer before Communion.

From St. Thomas Aquinas.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God! behold, I approach the Sacrament of Thy only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. I approach, as one sick, to the physician of life; as one unclean, to the fountain of mercy; as one blind, to the light of everlasting brightness; as one poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. Therefore, I implore the abundance of Thy measureless bounty, as far as thou mayest vouchsafe to heal my infirmity, to cleanse my filth, to enlighten my blindness, to clothe my nakedness, that I may receive the bread of Angels, the King of

kings, the Lord of lords, with so much reverence and humility, so much contrition and devotion, so much purity and faith, such a purpose and intention, as is expedient for my soul's salvation. Give me, I beseech Thee, not the Sacrament only of our Lord's body and blood, but also the substance and efficacy of the Sacrament. O most gracious God, help me so to receive the body of Thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He drew from the Virgin Mary, that I may merit to be incorporated with His mystical body and to be numbered among its members. O most loving Father, grant that I may at length perpetually contemplate with face revealed, Thy beloved Son, whom I now purpose to receive, veiled on the way, who liveth and reigneth with Thee forever and ever. *Amen.*

AFTER COMMUNION.

THERE is no prayer more agreeable to God and more useful to the soul, says St. Alphonsus Liguori, than that made during thanksgiving after Communion. It is not a good practice to begin to read immediately; it is

better to spend a short time, at least, in entertaining holy affections, in speaking interiorly with Jesus Christ, Who is within us, and Who, in order to invite us to this sweet entertainment, seems to repeat what He formerly said to His disciples: "Me you have not always." (*Matt.* xxvi.)

During this communion with Jesus, it is not necessary to multiply our acts and affections; it suffices if we repeat those to which we feel particularly drawn. The acts thus made after Communion have a far greater merit before God than those made at any other time, because the soul is then more united to Jesus Christ, and, therefore, better disposed to pray in a holy manner.

Our Saviour on His part seems more than ever ready to bestow His graces upon us. St. Teresa says that Jesus Christ, having entered our soul in the holy Communion, remains in it, as on a throne of grace, saying: "What wilt thou that I should do to thee?" (*Mark* x, 51.) "I am come expressly to fill thee with My graces; ask what thou wishest, and thou shalt obtain it."

Let us profit by so precious an invitation, lay before Him our miseries and our wants, beg of Him to abide with us, to be our strength, our wisdom, our guide in the fulfilment of our daily duties, that He may accomplish in and through us His own adorable designs. Let us ask His grace for those who are to lead us to Him, for our Community, our parents and relations, for the suffering poor, and all under our care.

Oh! what treasures of grace may we not receive if we are careful thus to commune with Jesus, as long as possible! For this purpose, we may sometimes repeat the following acts slowly and with devotion:

ACTS AFTER COMMUNION.

From St. Alphonsus Liguori.

ACT OF FAITH.

BEHOLD, my God is even now come to visit me; my Saviour, to dwell in my soul. My Jesus is even now within me. He is come to make Himself mine, and at the same time to make me His. So that Jesus is mine, and I belong to Jesus. Jesus is all mine and I am all His!

O infinite goodness! O infinite Mercy! O infinite Love! that a God should come to unite Himself to me, and to make Himself all mine! My soul, now that thou art so closely united to Jesus, now that thou art thus one with Him, what doest thou? Hast thou nothing to say to Him; dost thou not converse with thy God, Who is with thee? Ah, yes, renew thy faith; remember that the Angels now surround thee, adoring their God, Who is within thy breast; do thou also adore thy God within thyself. Enter into thyself and banish thence every other thought. Unite all thy affections together, and, clinging closely to thy God, say:

AN ACT OF WELCOME.

OH! my Jesus! my Love, my infinite Good, my All, be ever welcome in the poor dwelling of my soul! Ah, my Lord, where art Thou? to what a place art Thou come? Thou hast entered my heart which is far worse than the stable in which Thou wast born, it is full of earthly affections, of self-love and of inordinate desires. And how couldst Thou come to dwell there? I would address Thee with St. Peter: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man." (*St. Luke,* v, 8.) Yes, depart from me, O Lord! for I am indeed unworthy to receive a God of infinite goodness; go and find repose in those pure souls who serve Thee with so much love. But no, my Redeemer; what do I say? Leave me not, for if Thou departest, I am lost. I embrace Thee, my life; I cling to Thee. Mad indeed have I been in having separated myself from Thee for the love of creatures; in my ingratitude, I drove Thee from me. But now, I will never more separate myself from Thee, my treasure; I desire to live and die united

to Thee. Most Blessed Virgin Mary, ye Seraphim and all ye beautified souls, all ye who love God with pure love, lend me your affections, that I may worthily attend on my beloved Lord.

Act of Thanksgiving.

MY God and my Lord! I thank thee for the grace which Thou hast this morning bestowed upon me, of coming to dwell in my soul; but I would wish to thank Thee in a manner worthy of Thee and of the great favor which Thou hast done me. But what do I say? how can such a miserable creature as I am ever worthily thank Thee?

Father Segneri says, that the feeling most becoming a soul who communicates, is that of wondering astonishment at the thought; repeating, "A God is united to me; a God is mine!" David said: "What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has rendered to me." (*Ps.* cxv., 12.)

But I—what return shall I make to Thee, my Jesus, Who, after having given me so many of Thy good things, hast this morning, moreover, given me Thyself? My soul, bless then, and thank thy God

as best thou canst. And thou, my Mother Mary, my holy advocates, my guardian angel, and all ye souls who love God, "come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what great things he hath done for my soul." (*Ps.* lxv, 16.) Come and bless and thank my God for me, admiring and praising the truly great graces which He has granted me.

ACT OF OBLATION.

"My Beloved to me, and I to Him." (*Cant.* ii, 16.)

SHOULD a king go to visit a poor shepherd in his hut, what can the shepherd offer him other than his whole hut, such as it is? Since, then, O Jesus, my divine King, Thou hast come to visit the poor house of my soul, I offer and give Thee this house and my entire self, together with my liberty and will: "My Beloved to me, and I to Him." Thou hast given Thyself to me, I give myself all to Thee. My Jesus, from this day forward, I will be no longer mine; I will be Thine, and all Thine. May my senses be Thine, that they may only serve me to please

Thee. And what greater pleasure can be found, says St. Peter of Alcantara, than that of pleasing Thee, most amiable, most loving, most gracious God? I, at the same time, give Thee all the powers of my soul, and I will that they shall be all Thine; my memory I will only use to recall to mind Thy benefits and Thy love; my understanding, I will only use to think of Thee Who always thinkest of my good; my will, I will only use to love Thee, my God, my All, and to will only that which Thou willest. My most sweet Lord, I offer, then, and consecrate to Thee this morning, all that I am and have,—my senses, my thoughts, my affections, my desires, my pleasures, my inclinations, my liberty, in a word, I place my whole body and soul in Thy hands.

Accept, O Infinite Majesty! the sacrifice of the hitherto most ungrateful sinner Thou hast ever had on earth; but who now offers and gives himself all to Thee. Do with me and dispose of me, O Lord, as Thou pleasest.

Come, O consuming Fire! O divine Love

and consume in me all which is mine, and which is displeasing in Thy most pure eyes, so that, from henceforward, I may be all Thine and may live only to execute, not Thy commands and counsels alone, but all Thy holy desires and good pleasure also. *Amen.*

O most holy Mary, do thou present this offering of mine to the Most Blessed Trinity, with thine own hands; and do thou obtain their acceptance of it, that they may grant me the grace to be faithful unto death. *Amen.*

ACT OF PETITION.

O MY soul, what art thou doing? The present is no time to be lost: it is a precious time, in which thou canst receive all the graces which thou askest. Seest thou not the Eternal Father Who is lovingly beholding thee? for within thee He sees His beloved Son, the dearest object of His love. Drive then, far from thee all other thoughts; rekindle thy faith, enlarge thy heart, and ask for whatever thou willest.

Hearest thou not Jesus Himself who thus addresses thee: "What wilt thou that I should do to thee?" (*St. Mark*, x, 51.) O soul, tell me, what dost thou desire of Me? I am come for the express purpose of enriching and gratifying thee; ask with confidence, and thou wilt receive all.

Ah, my most sweet Saviour, since Thou hast come into my heart in order to grant me graces, and desirest that I should ask Thee for them, I ask Thee not for the goods of the earth —riches, honors or pleasures,—but grant me, I beseech Thee, intense sorrow for the displeasures I have caused Thee; impart to me so clear a light that I may know the vanity of this world, and how deserving Thou art of love. Change this heart of mine, detach it from all earthly affections, give me a heart conformable in all things to Thy holy will, that it may seek only for that which is more pleasing to Thee, and have no other desire than Thy holy love. "Create a clean heart in me, O God." (*Ps.* i, 12.)

I deserve not this; but Thou, my Jesus, deservest it, since Thou art come to dwell

in my soul: I ask it of Thee through Thy merits, and those of Thy most holy Mother, and by the love which Thou bearest to Thy Eternal Father.

Here pause, to ask Jesus for some other particular grace for yourself and for your neighbor. Do not forget poor sinners and the souls in Purgatory.

Eternal Father! Jesus Christ himself, Thy Son has said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, if you ask the Father anything in my name, He will give it to you." For the love, then, of this Son, Whom I now hold within my breast, do Thou graciously hear me and grant my petition.

My most sweet loves, Jesus and Mary, may I suffer for you, may I die for you; may I be all yours and in nothing my own! May the Most Blessed Sacrament ever be thanked and praised! Blessed be the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.

I THANK Thee, Omnipotent Father and Eternal God! for having deigned to feed me, Thy sinful and unworthy servant,

with the most precious body and blood of Thy only begotten Son. I beseech Thee, that this Communion add not to the number of my sins, and draw not down Thy chastisements upon me; let it rather be an efficacious means of obtaining pardon; may it enable me to eradicate all my vicious inclinations and to acquire perfect charity. Above all, may it unite me to Thee, the true and only God, that I may happily and faithfully finish my days in Thy grace. And then, O good Father, be pleased to introduce me in those happy abodes in Paradise, where Thou, with Thy Son and the Holy Ghost, art the true light and fulness of consolation, the eternal joy and perfect happiness of the elect.

Prayer of St. Ignatius.

Indulgence of three hundred days each time. Indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines, when said after Communion. Plenary indulgence once a month, if said daily, on the ordinary conditions.

SOUL of Christ, be my sanctification;
Body of Christ, be my salvation;
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins;

Water of Christ's side, wash out my stains;
Passion of Christ, my comfort be;
O good Jesus, listen to me;
In Thy wounds I fain would hide,
Ne'er to be parted from Thy side;
Guard me, should the foe assail me;
Call me, when my life shall fail me;
Bid me come to Thee above,
With Thy saints to sing Thy love,
World without end. *Amen.*

ASPIRATIONS.

I HAVE found the Heart of my King, my brother, my kind friend Jesus. What more can I desire in heaven or on earth?

Lord, who am I that Thou shouldst love me so much and desire to be loved by me?

Oh! that I might be wholly consumed for Thee as Thou wast wholly consumed for me!

Take possession of me, O my Jesus! and let me never depart from Thee.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine!

Give me the grace nevermore wilfully to offend Thee, O my God!

O God! worthy of infinite love, may I this day be entirely converted to Thee.

Thy will, O Lord! wholly, simply and nothing else.

Give me, O my Jesus! such an increase of sanctifying grace, that I may waste none of the gifts of God.

O Mary! my holy Mother, obtain for me the grace of serving thy dear Son with fidelity until death. Teach me to love Him and to draw others to know and love Him.

PRAYER TO ASK OF JESUS HIS BLESSING.

BLESS me, O my Jesus! bless my soul, my body, my senses and my faculties. Bless especially my tongue, that it may never speak, but for Thy glory. Bless my eyes, that they may look at nothing that might tempt me to displease Thee. Bless all the members of my body, that they may serve and never offend Thee. Bless my memory, that it may always remember Thy love and the favors Thou hast granted me. Bless my understand-

ing, that I may know Thy goodness and the obligation I have of loving Thee; and that it may see all that I must avoid and all that I must do to conform myself to Thy holy will. Above all, bless my will, that it may love no other but Thee, the infinite Good; that it may seek for nothing but Thy pleasure, and delight in nothing but what conduces to Thy glory.

Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX.

Plenary indulgence is granted to those who say the following prayer before a crucifix, praying for the wants of the Church after Communion.

LOOK down upon me, good and gentle Jesus! while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart, lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment; the while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy Five Wounds, pondering over them within me, whilst I call to mind the words which David Thy prophet said of

Thee, my Jesus: "They pierced my hands and my feet, they numbered all my bones." (*Ps.* xxi, 17, 18.)

Devout Acts of Praise.

BLESSED be God.

Blessed be His holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

The Te Deum Laudamus.

WE praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels; to Thee the Heavens and all the Powers therein:

To Thee the Cherubim and Seraphim: cry with unceasing voice:

Holy, Holy, Holy; Lord God of Hosts.

The heavens and the earth are full: of the majesty of Thy glory.

Thee the glorious choir: of the Apostles,

Thee the admirable company: of the Prophets,

Thee the white-robed army of Martyrs: praise.

Thee the Holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge

The Father, of infinite Majesty.

Thine adorable, true; and only Son.

Also the Holy Ghost: the Paraclete.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

Thou having taking upon Thee to deliver man: didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

Thou having overcome the sting of

death: didst open to believers the kingdom of heaven.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We beseech Thee, therefore, help Thy servants: whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious Blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine inheritance.

Govern them: and lift them up forever.

Day by day: we bless Thee.

And we praise Thy Name forever: and world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day: to keep us without sin.

Have mercy on us, O Lord: have mercy on us.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us: as we have hoped in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I hoped: let me never be confounded.

Prayers to Our Lord.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas for Visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

O THOU who lovest me so much, Jesus, truly present, my hidden God, hear my prayer, I implore Thee.

May Thy good pleasure be my pleasure, my passion, my love. Grant me to seek it, to find it, to fulfill it! Show me Thy paths, teach me Thy ways. Thou hast Thy designs over me, make them known to me, and give me grace to follow them that so I may save my soul.

Indifferent to all that passes away, and wishing to see only Thee, may I love all that is of Thee, but Thee above all, O my God!

Make bitter every joy which comes not from Thee, impossible every desire which tends not to Thee, delightful every labor undertaken for Thee, unbearable all rest which is not sought in Thee. At every hour, O good Jesus, may my soul wing its

flight towards Thee, may my life be an act of love. Cause me to feel that every work which is not done for Thee is useless and dead. May my piety be less a habit than a continual uplifting of the heart towards Thee.

O Jesus, my delight and my life, grant me to be without self-seeking in my humility, without dissipation in joy, without despondency in sadness, without harshness in austerity. Grant that I may speak without dissimulation, fear without despair, hope without presumption, be pure and without stain, reprove without anger, love without pretence, edify without ostentation, obey without questioning, suffer without murmuring.

O Supreme Goodness, O Jesus, I ask a heart captivated by Thee; which no sight nor sound may distract from Thee; a loyal and faithful heart, which never wavers, never descends; a dauntless heart, ever ready to renew the battle after each defeat; a free heart, never seduced, never enslaved; an upright heart, never found in devious ways.

Grant, O Lord, that eager to know Thee, ardent in seeking Thee, my mind may know how to find Thee, O Thou Supreme Wisdom! May its thoughts and its meditations be agreeable in Thy sight; confiding and calm may it await Thy answer, and tranquilly repose on Thy Word.

May penance make me feel the thorns of Thy crown; may grace load me with Thy gifts during my exile; may glory inebriate my soul with Thy joys in Thy Kingdom. *Amen.*

AN ACT OF DIVINE LOVE.

O MY God, and my All! I most ardently desire, by every breath I draw, by every thought, word, and action, by every movement of body and soul, to tell Thee, a thousand and a thousand times, that I love Thee more than my life, or anything in the world, and that I consecrate myself to Thee, renewing my baptismal and religious vows, together with the promises and resolutions of my past life. I offer Thee also all the homage, love, joy, praise, thanks, and adoration of the

Church militant, triumphant, and suffering; all that it has offered or will offer Thee, till the end of time; all the love, complacency and delights, Thou possessest; in Thy divine essence, one God, in three Persons; all the homage my beloved Jesus renders Thee in the adorable Sacrament of the Altar; and all the Masses that are now being celebrated, that I may be a victim, immolated with each, to Thy honor and glory, without any other will or desire but that of pleasing Thee, loving, living for Thee, and dying for Thee. I am Thine, O my God! make me so entirely and eternally. *Amen.*

Act of Spiritual Communion.

O MY Jesus! I believe that Thou art here present in the most holy Eucharist, I love Thee above all things, and I desire to receive Thee. Since I may not now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually, I beseech Thee, into my heart. I unite myself entirely to Thee, as though Thou hadst actually come. Suffer me not to be ever separated from Thee.

ANOTHER FORM.

O JESUS! present on this altar, I adore Thee, I love Thee, I desire Thee; come into my heart; I unite myself to Thee, do not separate Thyself from me.

I will hold this divine Saviour and will never let Him go; I will die with Him, and burn with the flames of His love; the same fire shall consume this divine Creator and His miserable creature. My Jesus is all mine, and I am all His; I will live and die on His breast; neither life nor death shall ever separate me from Him.

PRAYER OF OBLATION AND DIVINE LOVE.

By St. Ignatius.

TAKE and receive, O Lord! my entire liberty. Accept my whole memory, my will and understanding. Whatsoever I have or possess, Thou hast given to me; I restore it all to Thee, and deliver it up to be governed entirely according to Thy will. Vouchsafe to give me Thy love and grace, and I am rich enough; I ask nothing more.

PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

O MY God! Light of souls, that behold Thee! Life of hearts that love Thee, and strength of minds that seek Thee, infuse into me the fulness of Thy love. Through the earnestness of its desires, my heart opens to receive Thee, and implores Thee to enter, in order to quench the thirst which consumes it, and to inebriate it with the wine of Thy sweet delights.

Amen.

O charity patient, O charity kind; charity not ambitious; charity thinking no evil, possess me, rule me, inflame me, that I may remain in God, and God in me forever.

Lord, give me a heart which may think of Thee, a soul which may love Thee, a mind which may recollect Thee, an intellect which may understand Thee, a reason which may courageously cling to Thee forever, as the highest object of delight.

St. Augustine.

O soul of my soul! O life of my life, my God! Thee alone, I love; to Thee I offer

my whole self, and to Thee I long to adhere and be united intimately, to Thy eternal praise and glory. *Amen.*

EJACULATIONS.

Indulgence of one hundred days.

I ADORE Thee every moment, O living Bread of Heaven, great Sacrament!

Jesus, Heart of Mary, I pray Thee send Thy blessing on my soul!

Holiest Jesus! loving Saviour! I give Thee all my heart.

May all know, adore, and praise every moment, always, the most holy and most divine Sacrament!

ACT OF REPARATION.

Indulgence of two hundred days.

JESUS, my God, my Saviour! with that lowly homage with which the Faith itself inspires me, I worship Thee, very God and very Man; with my whole heart, I love Thee, enclosed in the most awful Sacrament of the Altar, in reparation for all the acts of irreverence, profanation and sacrilege, which I may ever have been so unhappy as to have committed, as well as

for all such like acts that ever have been done, or (which God may avert) ever may be done in ages yet to come. I adore Thee, my God, not indeed according to the measure of Thy merits, nor according to the greatness of my debt to Thee, but according to the little strength I have; and fain would I adore Thee with all the perfection of every reasonable creature. Meantime, I purpose now and ever to adore Thee, not only for those Catholics who adore Thee not and love Thee not, but also in the stead of, and for the conversion of, all heretics, schismatics, impious atheists, blasphemers, sorcerers, Turks, Jews, and idolaters. Jesus, my God, mayest Thou be ever known, adored, loved, and praised every moment, every day, in the most heavenly Sacrament. *Amen*...

Prayer to be said on visiting the Blessed Sacrament.

LOOK down, O Lord, from Thy sanctuary, and from heaven, thy dwelling place, and behold this holy Victim which our great high-priest, Thy holy child, the

Lord Jesus, offers up to Thee for the sins of His brethren; and let not Thy wrath be kindled because of the multitude of our transgressions. Behold the voice of the blood of Jesus, our brother, calls to Thee from the cross. Give ear, O Lord! be appeased, O Lord! hearken, and tarry not, for Thine own sake, O my God! because Thy name is called upon in behalf of this city and of Thy people; but deal with us according to Thy great mercy. *Amen.*

℣. That Thou vouchsafe to defend, pacify, keep, preserve and bless this city.

℟. We beseech Thee to hear us.

PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT, AND TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

Indulgence of one hundred days, once a day.

SEE where Thy boundless love has reached, my loving Jesus! Thou, of Thy flesh and precious blood hast made ready for me a banquet whereby to wholly give me Thyself. Who drove Thee to this excess of love for me? Thy Heart, Thy loving Heart. O adorable Heart of Jesus! burning furnace of Divine Love!

Within Thy sacred wound, take Thou my soul, that in that school of charity, I may learn to love that God Who has given me such wondrous proofs of His great love. *Amen.*

EJACULATIONS.

Indulgence of one hundred days, once a day. Plenary Indulgence once a month, on the usual conditions.

O SACRAMENT most holy! O Sacrament divine!

All praise and thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

My sweetest Jesus, be not my Judge, but my Saviour. (*Fifty days' Indulgence each time. Plenary Indulgence once a year.*)

My Jesus, mercy! (*One hundred days' Indulgence each time.*)

Jesus Christ be praised forever more! (*Same Indulgence.*)

AN OFFERING TO BE MADE DURING THE TIME OF MASS.

ETERNAL Father, I offer Thee the sacrifice which Thy beloved Son, Jesus, made of Himself on the cross, and now re-

news on this altar. I offer it in the name of all creatures, together with the masses which have been said and which will be said throughout the whole world, to adore Thee and to give Thee honor which Thou deservest; to render to Thee the thanks which are due Thee for Thy numberless benefits, to appease Thy anger, and to satisfy for our many sins; to supplicate Thee for myself, for the Church, for the whole world, and for the blessed souls in purgatory.

AN INDULGENCE OF THREE YEARS, once a day, to all those who, with at least contrite heart and devotion, shall say, during the mass, the offering, *Eternal Father.*

OFFERINGS TO BE MADE DURING THE DAY.

LORD! I offer Thee the Masses that are now being said throughout the world in the name of all creatures, for Thy glory and the salvation of all mankind.

Lord! I desire to immolate myself to Thee, in this act, for all the intentions for which Thou art immolating Thyself this moment to God the Father. *Amen.*

OFFERING OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

One hundred days' Indulgence, each time; Plenary Indulgence once a month, on the usual conditions.

ETERNAL Father! we offer Thee the most precious blood of Jesus, shed for us with such great love and bitter pain from His right hand; and through its merits and its might, we entreat Thy divine Majesty to grant us Thy holy benediction, that by its power we may be defended from all our enemies and freed from every ill; whilst we say, "Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, descendat super nos, et maneat semper."

Amen. Pater, Ave, and Gloria.

BEADS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

On the Cross. Holy and strong God! holy and immortal God! save Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy precious blood.

On the Large Beads. Forgive, O Jesus! In the midst of dangers, cover us with Thy precious blood. Eternal Father! have mercy on us, through the blood of Jesus, we beseech Thee, have mercy on us.

On the Small Beads. Eternal Father! I offer Thee the precious blood of Jesus Christ, in expiation for my sins, and for the wants of Thy holy Church.

These may be said on the usual rosary. For the last ejaculation, one hundred days' Indulgence each time.

OBLATION OF THE MERITS OF CHRIST FOR OUR SINS.

BY ST. GERTRUDE.

O MOST compassionate Jesus! since by reason of Thine unsearchable wisdom, Thou knowest the extent of human frailty more clearly and fully than I or any one can know it, I implore Thee to have manifold compassion on my manifold frailty, and to vouchsafe to supply all my defects and shortcomings. Offer to Thy most gracious Father, O merciful Jesus! the most becoming silence of Thy holy lips, in expiation of all the sins I have committed, and to supply for all the good I have omitted, by vain and frivolous conversation. Offer, O good Jesus! the modesty of Thy most holy ears, for all the sins I have committed by hearing. Offer

also the reserve of Thy eyes, for all the stains which I have contracted by wandering and forbidden looks. Offer the caution and deliberation of Thy hands and feet, for all the sins which I have committed in my daily actions or in my daily walk. Lastly, O most loving Jesus! offer to His glorious Majesty Thy divine Heart, for all the sins which I have committed by thought, word or desire. *Amen.*

Prayer at the End of the Visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

BEFORE retiring, I beg Thy pardon, O my God! for my distractions, my tepidity, and for all the faults which I have committed in Thy divine presence, during this visit. I leave Thee my heart; fill it with grace and love; and before I retire from Thee, my God, give me Thy divine blessing. I ask it for this moment and for all my life, that I may live henceforth for Thee alone.

Short Prayers to the Most Blessed Sacrament during its Exposition or Benediction.

Act of Faith.

O MY Jesus! I most firmly believe that Thou art present beneath the sacramental species of this most holy Host, which by us is seen; that there Thou art living, true and present, as Thou art in heaven. I behold Thee not, O my adorable Saviour! with my bodily eyes, but with the sight of faith, and I am sure of the truth of Thy real presence, thus seeing Thee, than if I beheld Thee with the eyes of my body. O Lord! accept and increase my faith.

Act of Adoration.

PROSTRATE in profound humility before Thee, O my God! I adore Thee, my Creator, my Judge, hidden under the

august veil of the sacramental species, and together with the Angels who surround Thy holy altar, I bless Thee. O my sweet Spouse! my dear Lord Jesus! draw to Thyself all the power of my soul; inflame and animate my heart with Thy most pure and ardent love. I ask of Thee, Lord, no earthly treasure, no worldly goods or glory. I beg only the riches of Thy pure love, that in all things I may seek Thee alone, prize Thee alone, be contented with Thee alone, Who art my all. O love of my God! the life of my soul, the centre of my affections; to Thee I consecrate all my actions, to Thee I dedicate unreservedly all my desires, all my labors, all I am and all I have; in fine, my whole being. May I not live one moment, but to love Thee, my God; may I not even breathe, but to glorify Thee; O that I could break forth without intermission into seraphic acts of love! O that I could continue to repeat them each moment of my life! O my divine Spouse! may I die in the highest and most perfect exercise

of divine love! That I may love and glorify Thee for a blessed eternity! *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION.

BUT alas! my Jesus, who am I, who thus dare to present myself before Thee? Am I not that poor worm of the earth, who a thousand times have so ungratefully offended Thee? Ah! I ought rather to fly from Thy presence, and withdraw from adoring Thee, in this Blessed Sacrament, if I look only on my sins, and on my shameless conduct towards Thee. But no; upon that altar where Thou art enthroned, I behold Thee, in Thy chair of mercy, and therefore, I venture to approach Thee. But deeply penitent, and grieving for my past sins, I come determined, by Thy grace, never more to renew them. Oh! pardon me, my loving Saviour, and with Thy grace strengthen my resolution.

ACT OF PETITION.

O MY Jesus! fountain of inexhaustible benediction, Thou, Who before

Thou didst ascend glorious into heaven, didst bless Thy apostles, oh! bless me also, and with Thy benediction sanctify me. Bless my memory, that it may ever recollect Thee; bless my intellect, that it may ever think of Thee; bless my will, that it may never seek or desire that which would displease Thee. Bless my body and its actions; bless my heart and its affections. Bless me now and in the hour of my death; bless me in time and in eternity; and grant that Thy most holy benediction, may be to me the sweet pledge of eternal felicity. Bless also my sisters and those under my charge; bless my parents, my relations and friends; bless all the faithful who unitedly adore Thee in this blessed Sacrament; and may Thy benediction be an augmentation of grace to the just, and effectually call to repentance all poor sinners. *Amen.*

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart.

I FLY to Thee, Sacred Heart of my Saviour, for Thou art my sole refuge, my only hope! Thou art the remedy of all my miseries, my consolation in all my wretchedness, the reparation for all my infidelities, the supplement of all my deficiencies; the expiation for all my sins, the hope, the end, of all my prayers! Thou art the only one Who art never weary of me, and Who canst bear with my faults, because Thou lovest me with an infinite love. Therefore, O my God! have mercy on me, according to Thy great mercy, and do with me, and for me, and in me, whatsoever Thou wilt; for I give myself entirely to Thee, divine Heart, with full confidence that Thou wilt never reject me!

From the neglect of Thy inspirations, deliver me, O Lord!

And I commend to Thee, O Sacred Heart, the souls in Purgatory, the tepid Catholic, and the Protestant or infidel, recommended to our prayers, that Thou wouldst be pleased to visit, relieve and bless them, according to their several necessities, and according to the infinite riches of Thy abounding grace and mercy, through the merits of Thy sacred cross and passion. *Amen.*

Reparation of Honor to the Sacred Heart.

O MOST amiable and adorable Heart! centre of all hearts, glowing with charity, and inflamed with zeal for the interest of Thy Father, and the salvation of mankind! O Heart! ever sensible of our misery, and ever ready to redress our evils; the real victim of love in the holy Eucharist, and a propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of men! Seeing that the generality of Christians make no other return for these Thy mercies than contempt of Thy favors, forgetfulness of their own obligation, and ingratitude to the best of benefactors, is it not just, that we, Thy

servants, penetrated with the deepest sense of the like indignities, should enter upon a due and satisfactory reparation of honor to Thy most sacred Majesty? Prostrate, therefore, in body, and humbled in mind, before heaven and earth we solemnly declare our utter detestation and abhorrence of such a conduct. Inexpressible, we know, was the bitterness which the multitude of our sins brought on Thy tender Heart; insufferable, the weight of our iniquities, which pressed Thy face to the earth in the Garden of Olives; and insurmountable Thy anguish, when, expiring with love, grief, and agony on Mount Calvary, with Thy last breath Thou wouldst reclaim sinners to their duty and repentance. This we know, O dear Redeemer! and would most willingly redress these Thy sufferings by our own, or share with Thee in Thine.

O merciful Jesus! ever present on our altars, and with a heart open to receive all who "labor and are burdened;" O adorable Heart, source of true contrition! im-

part to our hearts the true spirit of penance and to our eyes a fountain of tears, that we may bewail and wash off our sins and those of the world. Pardon, divine Jesus! all the injuries, reproaches and outrages done Thee, through the course of Thy holy life and bitter passion; pardon all the impieties, irreverences, and sacrileges which have been committed against Thee in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, from its first institution. Graciously receive the small tribute of our sincere repentance, as an agreeable offering in Thy sight, and in requital for the benefits we daily receive from the altar, on which Thou art a living and continual sacrifice, and in union with that bloody Holocaust Thou didst present to Thy Eternal Father on Mount Calvary, from the cross.

Sweet Jesus! give Thy blessing to the ardent desire we now entertain, and the holy resolution we have taken of ever loving and adoring Thee, after a proper manner, in the holy Eucharist, Thy Sacrament of Love; thus to repair, by a true

conversion of heart, and a becoming zeal for Thy glory, our past negligence and infidelity. But Thou, O adorable Heart! Who knowest the clay of which we are formed, be Thou our mediator with Thy heavenly Father, Whom we have so grievously offended. Strengthen our weakness; confirm our resolution; and with Thy charity, humility, meekness and patience, cover the multitude of our iniquities. Be Thou our support, our refuge, and our strength, that nothing henceforward, in life or death, may separate us from Thee. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONSECRATION.

Issued with the Encyclical Letter of His Holiness, Leo XIII, dated May 25, 1899, on the Consecration of Mankind, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

MOST sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us, humbly prostrate before Thy altar. We are Thine and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united with Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Thy Most Sacred Heart.

Many indeed have never known Thee; many too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee: grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Be Thou King also of all those who sit in the ancient superstition of the Gentiles, and refuse not Thou to deliver them out of darkness into the light and kingdom of God. Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the Divine

Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be glory and honor forever. *Amen.*

LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART.

Approved by Leo XIII, April 2, 1899. Three hundred days Indulgence once a day.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mother,
Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God,
Heart of Jesus, of Infinite Majesty,
Heart of Jesus, Sacred Temple of God,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most High,
Heart of Jesus, House of God and Gate of Heaven,
Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of Charity,
Heart of Jesus, abode of Justice and Love,
Heart of Jesus, full of Goodness and Love,
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,
Heart of Jesus, King and Centre of all hearts,
Heart of Jesus, in Whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
Heart of Jesus, in Whom dwells the fulness of divinity,
Heart of Jesus, in Whom the Father was well pleased.
Heart of Jesus, of Whose fulness we have all received,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,
Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful,
Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke Thee,
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness,
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,
Heart of Jesus, loaded down with opprobrium,
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offences,
Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death,
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,
Heart of Jesus, Victim of sin,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in Thee,
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in Thee,
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the Saints,
Have Mercy, etc.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.

℣. Jesus, meek and humble of heart,

℟. Make our hearts like unto Thine.

LET US PRAY.

O ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy dearly beloved Son, and upon the praise and satisfaction He offers Thee in behalf of sinners, and being appeased, grant pardon to those who seek Thy mercy, in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

LITTLE BEADS OF THE SACRED HEART.

Begin with the prayer:

O ANGEL of God, who art my guardian! and to whose care I am committed by the supreme clemency, enlighten, guard and direct me this day and every day, and at the hour of my death. *Amen.*

On the first large bead:

Eternal Father! I offer Thee the precious blood of Jesus Christ, in expiation for my sins, and for the wants of the holy Church. *Amen.*

On the first small bead, make an act of faith, on the second, an act of hope, on the third an act of charity. These may be made as follows:

My God! I believe in Thee, because Thou art Truth itself.

My God! I hope in Thee, because Thou art kind and merciful, and faithful to Thy promises.

My God! I love Thee because Thou art infinitely kind and beautiful.

On each of the large beads which precede the decades:

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine!

On each of the small beads of the decades:

Sweetest Heart of Jesus, be my love!

Sweetest Heart of Mary, be my salvation!

Finish with the invocations:

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, let my soul send forth her last sigh in peace, with you to aid me.

To each of the ejaculations which compose the little beads, an Indulgence is attached, as may be seen where these are given separately.

ASPIRATIONS TO THE SACRED HEART.

O MY God! Thou seest the wounds of my soul; I disclose them to Thee, have mercy on me. I am sick, and Thou art a charitable physician; I am full of

misery, and Thou art mercy by excellence. All my hope is in the infinite greatness of Thy bounty. (*St. Augustine.*)

O sweet Jesus! unite me ever more and more to Thy Heart, that I may be consumed by the love of Thee, and be lost in its sweetness. (*St. Francis of Sales.*)

O my amiable Saviour! may my heart be so closely united to Thine, that Thy will may be mine, and mine be conformable to Thine for all eternity. (*St. Gertrude.*)

O Jesus! make me understand and imitate the life of humility, of love and zeal which Thy divine Heart leads in the holy Tabernacle.

O God! when will it please Thee to take away this sinful heart of mine and to put Thine own in its place, if not when I receive that wonderful Sacrament which is the most sacred pledge of Thy love. (*St. Francis of Sales.*)

O Jesus! make men understand Thy infinite claims to their love. (*St. Liguori.*)

O Jesus! may the fire of Thy love extinguish the fire of divine Justice.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus! shower Thy blessings on Thy holy Church, on her ministers and on all her children. Strengthen the just, convert the sinner, assist the dying, deliver the souls in Purgatory, and establish in all hearts the mild reign of Thy love.

O Lord Jesus! save, bless, confirm and preserve the heart, which it has pleased Thee to call to Thy service..... Yes, Lord Jesus! replenish and fill to overflowing with grace, peace, consolation and benediction, that weak and wretched heart which has now formed the desire of laboring more faithfully than ever for Thy glory. *Amen.* (*St. Francis of Sales.*)

Lord! Lord! draw all souls to Thy love. (*Blessed Margaret Mary.*)

Novena in Honor of the Child Jesus.

WHICH MAY BE BEGUN ON THE 16TH DAY OF ANY MONTH.

Indulgence of one year on each day of the Novena.

ETERNAL Father! I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my own salvation and for the salvation of all the world, the mystery of the birth of our divine Saviour.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Eternal Father! I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my eternal salvation, the sufferings of the most holy Virgin and of St. Joseph in that long and weary journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem; I offer Thee the sorrows of their hearts, when they found no place wherein to shelter themselves, when the Saviour of the world was to be born.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Eternal Father! I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my eternal salvation, the stable where Jesus was born, the hard straw which served Him for a bed, the cold He suffered, the swaddling clothes which bound Him, the tears He shed and His tender, infant cries.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Eternal Father! I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my eternal salvation, the pain which the holy Child Jesus felt in His tender body, when He submitted Himself to the cruel knife of circumcision; I offer Thee that precious blood which then first He shed for the salvation of the whole race of man.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Eternal Father! I offer to Thy honor and glory, and for my eternal salvation, the humility, mortification, patience, charity, all the virtues of the Child Jesus; and I thank Thee, and I love Thee, and I bless Thee without end, for the ineffable mystery of the Incarnation of the Divine Word.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

℣. And the Word was made flesh.
℟. And He dwelt among us.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD! Whose only begotten Son was made manifest to us in the substance of our flesh; grant, we beseech Thee, that through Him, our souls may be inwardly renewed, Whom our eyes have seen, like unto ourselves. Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee forever and ever.

Amen.

For making a Novena, preparatory to Christmas day, three hundred days' Indulgence each day; Plenary Indulgence on Christmas day or any day within the octave, on the usual conditions.

Devotions to Jesus Crucified.

Novena in Honor of Jesus Crucified.

JESUS Christ crucified! Son of the holy Virgin Mary, incline Thy sacred head and listen to my petitions and sighs, as Thou didst listen to Thy Eternal Father on Mount Thabor.

Hail Mary, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified! Son of the holy Virgin Mary, open Thy sacred eyes, and look on me as Thou didst look on Thy holy Mother from the cross.

Hail Mary, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified! Son of the most holy Virgin Mary, open Thy sacred lips, and speak to my afflicted heart as Thou didst speak to St. John, when Thou didst recommend to him Thy dear Mother.

Hail Mary, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified! Son of the most holy Virgin Mary, open Thy sacred arms, and receive me, Thy poor child, as Thou didst receive the hard wood of the cross for the love of me and all sinners.

Hail Mary, &c.

Jesus Christ crucified! Son of the most holy Virgin Mary, open Thy Sacred Heart, that seat of love and mercy, and receive mine into it; make it wholly Thine; hear my prayers and grant my petitions.

Hail Mary, &c.

Prayers for the Stations, or, the Way of the Cross.

Preparatory Prayer.

Kneeling before the altar, begin by an act of Contrition, then say:

O JESUS, our adorable Saviour! behold us prostrate at Thy feet, imploring Thy mercy for ourselves and for the souls of all the faithful departed. Vouchsafe to apply to us the infinite merits of Thy passion, on which we are now about to meditate. Grant that while we trace this path of sighs and tears, our hearts may be so touched with contrition and repentance, that we may be ready to embrace with joy all the crosses and sufferings and humiliations of this our life and pilgrimage.

℣. Thou, O Lord, shalt open my lips.

℟. And my tongue shall announce Thy praise.

℣. O God! come to my assistance.

℟. O Lord! make haste to help me.

℣. Glory be, &c.

℟. As it was, &c.

FIRST STATION.

Jesus Christ Condemned to Death.

℣. We adore Thee, O Christ! and we bless Thy holy name.

℟. Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leaving the house of Caiphas, where He had been blasphemed, and the house of Herod, where He had been mocked, Jesus is dragged before Pilate, His back torn with scourges, His head crowned with thorns; and He, Who on the last day will judge the living and the dead, is Himself condemned to a disgraceful death.

PRAYER.

IT was for us that Thou didst suffer, O blessed Jesus! it was for our sins Thou wast condemned to die. O grant that we may detest them from the bottom of our hearts, and by this repentance obtain Thy mercy and pardon.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!

℟. Have mercy on us, O Lord! have mercy on us.

℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

While passing from one Station to another, a verse of the Stabat Mater may be sung or said.

Stabat Mater dolorosa,
Juxta crucem lacrymosa,
Dum pendebat Filius,

At the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last.

Second Station.

Jesus Receives the Cross.

℣. We adore Thee, &c.

℟. Because, &c.

A heavy cross is laid upon the bruised shoulders of Jesus. He receives it with meekness, nay, with a secret joy, for it is the instrument with which He is to redeem the world.

PRAYER.

O JESUS! grant us, by virtue of Thy cross, to embrace with meekness and cheerful submission the difficulties of our state, and to be ever ready to take up our cross and follow Thee.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!

℟. Have mercy on us, O Lord! have mercy on us.

℣. May the souls of the faithful, &c.

℟. Amen.

Cujus animam gementem,	Through her heart, His sorrows sharing,
Contristatam et dolentem,	All His bitter anguish bearing,
Pertransivit gladius.	Now at length the sword had passed.

THIRD STATION.

Jesus Falls the First Time under the weight of the Cross.

℣. We adore Thee, &c.

℟. Because, &c.

Bowed down under the weight of the Cross, Jesus slowly sets forth on the way to Calvary, amidst the mockeries and insults of the crowd. His agony in the garden has exhausted His body; He is sore with blows and wounds; His strength fails Him, He falls to the ground under the Cross.

PRAYER.

O JESUS! Who for our sins didst bear the heavy burden of the cross, and fall under its weight, may the thoughts of Thy sufferings make us watchful over ourselves, and save us from any fall into sin.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!

℟. Have mercy on us, &c.

℣. May the souls of the faithful, &c.

℟. Amen.

O quam tristis et afflicta,
Fuit illa benedicta
Mater unigeniti!

O! how sad and sore distressed,
Was that Mother highly blest
Of the sole-begotten one!

FOURTH STATION.

Jesus is met by His Blessed Mother.

℣. We adore Thee, &c.

℟. Because, &c.

Still burdened with His cross, and wounded yet more by His fall, Jesus proceeds on His way. He is met by His Mother. What a meeting must that have been. What a sword of anguish must have pierced that Mother's bosom! What must have been the compassion of that Son for His holy Mother!

PRAYER.

O JESUS! by the compassion which Thou didst feel for Thy Mother, have compassion on us, and give us a share in her intercession. O Mary, most afflicted Mother! intercede for us, that through the sufferings of Thy Son we may be delivered from the wrath to come.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!

℟. Have mercy on us, &c.

℣. May the souls of the faithful, &c.

℟. Amen.

Quæ mœrebat et dolebat;
Pia Mater cum videbat
Nati pœnas inclyti.

Christ above in torment hangs;
She beneath beholds the pangs
Of her dying glorious Son.

FIFTH STATION.

The Cross is Laid upon Simon of Cyrene.

℣. We adore Thee, &c.
℟. Because, &c.

As the strength of Jesus fails, and He is unable to proceed, the executioners seize and compel Simon of Cyrene to carry His cross. The virtue of that cross changed his heart, and from a compulsory task, it became a privilege and a joy.

PRAYER.

O LORD Jesus! may it be our privilege also to bear Thy cross; may we glory in nothing else; by it may the world be crucified unto us, and we unto the world; may we never shrink from sufferings, but rather rejoice if we may be counted worthy to suffer for Thy name's sake.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!

℟. Have mercy on us, &c.

℣. May the souls of the faithful, &c.

℟. Amen.

Quis est homo, qui non fieret,
Matrem Christi si videret
In tanto supplicio?

Is there one who would not weep,
Whelm'd in mysteries so deep,
Christ's dear Mother to behold?

Sixth Station.

The Face of Jesus is Wiped by Veronica.

℣. We adore Thee, &c.

℟. Because, &c.

As Jesus proceeds on the way, covered with the sweat of death, a woman, moved with compassion, makes her way through the crowd, and wipes His face with a handkerchief. As a reward of her piety, the impression of His sacred countenance is miraculously imprinted upon the handkerchief.

Prayer.

O JESUS! may the contemplation of Thy sufferings move us with the deepest compassion, make us hate our

sins, and kindle in our hearts more fervent love for Thee. May Thy image be graven on our minds, until we are transformed into Thy likeness..

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!

℟. Have mercy on us, &c.

℣. May the souls of the faithful, &c.

℟. Amen.

Quis non pòsset contristari,	Can the human heart refrain
Christi Matrem contemplari,	From partaking in her pain,
Dolentem cum Filio?	In that Mother's pain untold?

Seventh Station.

Jesus Falls a Second Time.

℣. We adore Thee, &c.

℟. Because, &c.

The pain of His wound and the loss of blood, increasing at every step of His way, again His strength fails Him, and Jesus falls to the ground a second time.

PRAYER.

O JESUS! falling again under the burden of our sins, and of Thy sufferings for our sins, how often have we grieved Thee by our repeated falls into sin! Oh! may we rather die than ever offend Thee again.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!

℟. Have mercy on us, &c.

℣. May the souls of the faithful, &c.

℟. Amen.

Pro peccatis suæ gentis
Vidit Jesum in tormentis,
Et flagellis subditum.

Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,
She beheld her tender Child
All with bloody scourges rent.

The Women of Jerusalem Mourn for our Lord.

℣. We adore Thee, &c.

℟. Because, &c.

At the sight of the sufferings of Jesus, some holy women in the crowd were so touched with sympathy, that they openly bewailed and lamented Him; Jesus, knowing the things that were to come to pass upon Jerusalem because of their rejection of Him, turned to them and said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

PRAYER.

O LORD Jesus! we mourn, and will mourn, both for Thee and for ourselves, for Thy sufferings and for our sins which caused them. Oh! teach us so to mourn, that we may be comforted and escape those dreadful judgments prepared for all who reject or neglect Thee in this life.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!

℟. Have mercy on us, &c.

℣. May the souls of the faithful, &c.

℟. Amen.

Vidit suum dulcem Natum
Moriendo desolatum,
Dum emisit spiritum.

For the sins of His own nation
She saw Him hang in desolation,
Till His spirit forth He sent.

NINTH STATION.

Jesus Falls the Third Time Under the Cross.

℣. We adore Thee, &c.

℟. Because, &c.

Jesus has now arrived at the summit of Calvary; but before He reached the spot where He is to be crucified, His strength again fails Him, and He falls the third time, to be again dragged up and goaded onward by the brutal soldiery.

PRAYER.

O LORD Jesus! we entreat Thee, by the merits of this Thy third most painful fall, to pardon our frequent relapses and our long continuance in sin, and may the thought of these Thy sufferings make us hate our sins more and more.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!

℟. Have mercy on us, &c.

℣. May the souls of the faithful, &c.
℟. Amen.

Pia Mater, fons amoris,	O thou Mother, fount of love!
Me sentire vim doloris	Touch my spirit from above,
Fac, ut tecum lugeam.	Make my heart with thine accord.

Tenth Station.

Jesus is Stripped of His garments.

℣. We adore Thee, &c.
℟. Because, &c.

Arrived at last at the place of sacrifice, they prepare to crucify Him. His garments are torn from His bleeding body, and He, the Holy of holies, stands exposed to the vulgar gaze of the rude and scoffing multitude.

Prayer.

O LORD Jesus! Thou didst endure this shame for our most shameful deeds. Strip us, we beseech Thee, of all false shame, conceit and pride, and make us so humble ourselves voluntarily in this life,

that we may escape everlasting ignominy in the world to come.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!

℟. Have mercy on us, &c.

℣. May the souls of the faithful, &c.

℟. Amen.

Fac ut ardeat cor meum	Make me feel as Thou hast felt!
In amando Christum Deum,	Make my soul to glow and melt
Ut sibi complaceam.	With the love of Christ my Lord.

ELEVENTH STATION.

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross.

℣. We adore Thee, &c.

℟. Because, &c.

The cross is laid upon the ground, and Jesus is stretched upon His bed of death. At one and the same time, He offers His bruised limbs to His heavenly Father in behalf of sinful man, and to His fierce executioners to be nailed by them to the disgraceful wood. The blows are struck! the blood gushes forth!

Prayer.

O JESUS! nailed to the cross, fasten our hearts there also, that they may be united to Thee until death shall strike us with its fatal blow, and with our last breath we shall have yielded up our souls to Thee.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!

℟. Have mercy on us, &c.

℣. May the souls of the faithful, &c.

℟. Amen.

Sancta Mater istud agas,	Holy Mother! pierce me through;
Crucifixi fige plagas,	In my heart each wound renew,
Corde meo valide.	Of my Saviour crucified.

Twelfth Station.

Jesus Dies upon the Cross.

℣. We adore Thee, &c.

℟. Because, &c.

For three hours has Jesus hung upon His transfixed hands; His blood has run in streams down His body,

and bedewed the ground; and, in the midst of excruciating sufferings, He has pardoned His murderers, promised the bliss of Paradise to the good thief, and committed His blessed Mother and beloved disciple to each other's care. All is now consummated; and meekly bowing down His head, He gives up the ghost.

PRAYER.

O JESUS! we devoutly embrace that honored cross, where Thou didst love us even unto death. In that death we place all our confidence. Henceforth, let us live only for Thee; let us die loving Thee, and in Thy sacred arms.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!

℟. Have mercy on us, &c.

℣. May the souls of the faithful, &c.

℟. Amen.

Tui nati vulnerati,
Tam dignati, pro me pati,
Pœnas mecum divide.

Let me share with thee His pain,
Who for all my sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.

Thirteenth Station.

Jesus is Laid in the Arms of His Blessed Mother.

℣. We adore Thee, &c.
℟. Because, &c.

The multitude has left the heights of Calvary, and none remain save the beloved disciple and the holy women, who at the foot of the cross, are striving to stem the grief of Christ's inconsolable Mother. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take down the body of her divine Son from the cross, and deposit it in her arms.

Prayer.

O THOU, whose grief was boundless as an ocean that hath no limits! Mary Mother of God, give us a share in thy most holy sorrow in the sufferings of thy Son, and have compassion on our infirmities, Accept us as thy children with the beloved disciple. Show thyself a Mother unto us; and may He, through thee, receive our prayer, Who for us vouchsafed to be thy Son.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!
℟. Have mercy on us, &c.
℣. May the souls of the faithful, &c.
℟. Amen.

Fac me tecum pie flere,
Crucifixo condolere,
Donec ego vixero.

Let me mingle tears with thee,
Mourning Him Who mourned for me,
All the days that I may live.

FOURTEENTH STATION.

Jesus is Laid in the Sepulchre.

℣. We adore Thee, &c.
℟. Because, &c.

The body of her dearly beloved Son is taken from His Mother, and laid by the disciples in the tomb. The tomb is closed, and there the lifeless body remains until the hour of its glorious resurrection.

PRAYER.

WE too, O God! will descend into the grave whenever it shall please Thee, as it shall please Thee and wheresoever it shall please Thee. Let Thy just decrees be

fulfilled; let our sinful bodies return to their parent dust; but do Thou, in Thy great mercy, receive our immortal souls, and when our bodies have risen again, place them likewise in Thy kingdom, that we may love and bless Thee forever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father.

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord!

℟. Have mercy on us, &c.

℣. May the souls of the faithful, &c.

℟. Amen.

Juxta crucem tecum stare,	By the cross with Thee to stay,
Et me tibi sociare,	There with Thee to weep and pray,
In planctu desidero.	Is all I ask of Thee to give.

Ant. Christ was made for us obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Let us Pray.

LOOK down, O Lord! we beseech Thee, upon this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ did not refuse to be de-

livered into the hands of wicked men, and to endure the torment of the cross; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God forever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father, &c., *six times.*

VISIT TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS.

WHICH MAY BE MADE BEFORE HER ALTAR OR IMAGE, AFTER PERFORMING THE STATIONS.

O MOST holy Mother! Queen of Sorrows, who didst follow thy beloved Son through all the Ways of the Cross, and whose heart was pierced with a fresh sword of grief at all the stations of that most sorrowful journey; obtain for us, we beseech thee, O most loving Mother! a perpetual remembrance of our blessed Saviour's Cross and Death, and a true and tender devotion to all the mysteries of His most holy Passion; obtain for us the grace to hate sin, even as He hated it in the agony in the garden; to endure wrong and insult with all patience, as He endured

them in the judgment hall; to be meek and humble in all our trials, as He was before His judges; to love our enemies, even as He loved His murderers, and prayed for them upon the cross; and to glorify God and do good to our neighbors, even as He did in every mystery of His sufferings. O Queen of Martyrs! who, by the dolors of thy immaculate heart on Calvary, didst merit to share the Passion of our most dear Redeemer, obtain for us some portion of thy compassion, that for the love of Jesus we, crucified to the world in this life, in the life to come may, by His infinite merits and thy powerful intercession, reign with Him in glory everlasting.

Amen.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD.

ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW (xxvi, xxvii, 1-66.)

AT that time Jesus said to His disciples You know that after two days shall be the pasch, and the Son of man shall be delivered up to be crucified. Then

were gathered together the chief-priests and ancients of the people into the court of the high-priest, who was called Caiphas; and they consulted together, that by subtilty they might apprehend Jesus, and put Him to death. But they said: Not on the festival day, lest perhaps there should be a tumult among the people. And when Jesus was in Bethania, in the house of Simon the leper, there came to Him a woman having an alabaster box of precious ointment, and poured it on His head as He was at table. And the disciples seeing it, had indignation, saying: To what purpose is this waste? for this might have been sold for much and given to the poor.—And Jesus knowing it, said to them: Why do you trouble this woman? For she hath wrought a good work upon Me. For the poor you have always with you: but Me you have not always. For she in pouring this ointment upon My body, hath done it for My burial. Amen, I say to you, wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, that also which she hath done, shall be told for a

memory of her. Then went one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, to the chief-priests, and said to them: What will you give me, and I will deliver Him unto you? But they appointed him thirty pieces of silver. And from thenceforth he sought opportunity to betray Him.

And on the first day of the Azymes the disciples came to Jesus, saying: Where wilt Thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the pasch? But Jesus said: Go ye into the city to a certain man, and say to him: The Master saith: My time is near at hand, with thee I make the pasch with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed to them, and they prepared the pasch. But when it was evening, He sat down with His twelve disciples. And whilst they were eating, He said: Amen, I say to you, that one of you is about to betray Me. And they being very much troubled, began every one to say: Is it I, Lord? But He answering, said: He that dippeth his hand with Me in the dish, he shall betray Me. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of Him: but woe to

that man, by whom the Son of man shall be betrayed: it were better for him, if that man had not been born. And Judas that betrayed Him, answering said: Is it I, Rabbi? He saith to him: Thou hast said it. And whilst they were at supper, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke: and gave to His disciples, and said: Take ye, and eat: this is My body. And taking the chalice He gave thanks; and gave to them, saying: Drink ye all of this. For this is My blood of the new testament which shall be shed for many unto remission of sins. And I say to you I will not drink from henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I shall drink it with you new in the kingdom of My Father. And a hymn being said, they went out unto Mount Olivet. Then Jesus saith to them: All you shall be scandalized in Me this night. For it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be dispersed." But after I shall be risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. And Peter answering said to Him: Although all be scandalized in Thee, I

will never be scandalized. Jesus said to him: Amen, I say to thee, that in this night before the cock crow, thou wilt deny Me thrice. Peter said to Him: Yea, though I should die with Thee, I will not deny Thee. And in like manner said all the disciples. Then Jesus came with them into a country place which is called Gethsemani: and He said to His disciples: Sit you here, till I go yonder and pray. And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to grow sorrowful and to be sad. Then He saith to them: My soul is sorrowful even unto death: stay you here and watch with Me. And going a little further, He fell upon His face, praying, and saying: My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from Me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt. And He cometh to His disciples: and findeth them asleep, and He saith to Peter: What? Could you not watch one hour with Me? Watch ye, and pray that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh weak. Again the second time, He went and

prayed, saying: My Father, if this chalice may not pass away, but I must drink it, Thy will be done. And He cometh again, and findeth them sleeping; for their eyes were heavy. And leaving them He went again: and He prayed the third time, saying the self-same word. Then He cometh to His disciples and saith to them: Sleep ye now and take your rest: behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go: behold he is at hand that will betray Me. And as He yet spoke, behold Judas, one of the twelve came, and with him a great multitude with swords and clubs, sent from the chief-priests and the ancients of the people. And he that betrayed Him, gave them a sign, saying: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is He, hold Him fast. And forthwith coming to Jesus, he said: Hail, Rabbi. And he kissed Him. And Jesus said to him: Friend, whereto art thou come? Then they came up, and laid hands on Jesus, and held Him. And, behold, one of them that were with Jesus, stretching forth his hand, drew

out his sword: and striking the servant of the high-priest, cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him: Put up again thy sword into its place: For all that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot ask My Father, and He will give Me presently more than twelve legions of angels? How then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that so it must be done?

In that same hour Jesus said to the multitudes: You are come out as it were to a robber with swords and clubs to apprehend Me. I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and you laid not hands on Me. Now all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then the disciples all leaving Him, fled. But they, holding Jesus, led Him to Caiphas the high-priest, where the scribes and the ancients were assembled. And Peter followed Him afar off, even to the court of the high-priest. And going in, he sat with the servants, that he might see the end. And the chief-priests and the whole council sought false witness against Jesus,

that they might put Him to death: and they found not, whereas many false witnesses had come in. And last of all there came two false witnesses, and they said: This man said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and after three days to rebuild it. And the high-priest rising up, said to Him: Answereth Thou nothing to the things which these witness against Thee? But Jesus held His peace. And the high-priest said to Him: I adjure Thee by the living God, that Thou tell us if Thou be the Christ the Son of God. Jesus saith to him: Thou hast said it. Nevertheless I say to you, hereafter you shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of the power of God, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high-priest rent his garments, saying: He hath blasphemed: what further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy; what think you? But they answering said: He is guilty of death. Then did they spit in His face and buffet Him, and others struck His face with the palms of their hands, saying: Prophesy

unto us, O Christ; who is he that struck Thee? But Peter sat without in the court and there came to him a servant-maid, saying: Thou also wast with Jesus the Galilean. But he denied before them all, saying: I know not what thou sayest. And as he went out of the gate, another maid saw him, and she saith to them that were there: This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied with an oath: That I know not the man. And after a little while they came that stood by, and said to Peter: Surely thou art one of them; for even thy speech doth discover thee. Then he began to curse and to swear that he knew not the man. And immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus which He had said: Before the cock crow, thou wilt deny Me thrice. And going forth he wept bitterly.

And when morning was come, all the chief-priests and ancients of the people took counsel against Jesus, that they might put Him to death. And they brought Him bound, and delivered Him to

Pontius Pilate, the governor. Then Judas, who betrayed Him, seeing that He was condemned, repenting himself, brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief-priests and ancients, saying: I have sinned in betraying innocent blood. But they said: What is that to us? look thou to it. And casting down the pieces of silver in the temple he departed: and went and hanged himself with a halter. But the chief-priests having taken the pieces of silver, said: It is not lawful to put them into the corbona, because it is the price of blood. And after they had consulted together, they bought with them the potter's field, to be a burying-place for strangers. For this cause that field was called Haceldama, that is the field of blood, even to this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremias the prophet, saying: "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him that was prized, Whom they prized of the children of Israel. And they gave them unto the potter's field, as the Lord appointed to me." And Jesus stood before the governor, and

the governor asked Him, saying: Art Thou the king of the Jews? Jesus saith to him: Thou sayest it. And when He was accused by the chief-priests and ancients, He answered nothing. Then Pilate saith to Him: Dost not Thou hear how great testimonies they allege against Thee? And He answered him not to any word: so that the governor wondered exceedingly.

Now upon the solemn day the governor was accustomed to release to the people one prisoner, whom they would. And he had then a notorious prisoner, that was called Barabbas. They therefore being gathered together, Pilate said: Whom will you that I release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus that is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. And as he was sitting on the judgment-seat, his wife sent to him, saying: Have thou nothing to do with that just man. For I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him. But the chief-priests and ancients persuaded the people, that they should ask Barabbas, and make Jesus away. And the governor answer-

ing, said to them: Whether will you of the two to be released unto you? But they said, Barabbas. Pilate saith to them: What shall I do then with Jesus that is called Christ? They say all: Let Him be crucified. The governor said to them: Why, what evil hath He done? But they cried out the more, saying: Let Him be crucified. And Pilate seeing that he prevailed nothing: but that rather a tumult was made: taking water, washed his hands before the people, saying: I am innocent of the blood of this just man: look you to it. And the whole people answering, said: His blood be upon us and upon our children. Then he released to them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him unto them to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor taking Jesus into the hall, gathered together unto Him the whole band; and stripping Him, they put a scarlet cloak about Him. And plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed in His right hand. And bowing the knee before Him, they mocked Him, saying: Hail, king of the Jews. And

spitting upon Him, they took the reed and struck His head, and after they had mocked Him, they took off the cloak from Him and put on Him His own garments, and led Him away to crucify Him. And going out they found a man of Cyrene, named Simon, him they forced to take up His cross. And they came to the place that is called Golgotha, which is the place of Calvary. And they gave Him wine to drink mingled with gall. And when He had tasted, He would not drink. And after they had crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "They divided my garments among them; and upon my vesture they cast lots." And they sat and watched Him. And they put over His head His cause, written: "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." Then were crucified with Him two thieves: one on the right hand, and one on the left. And they that passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads, and saying: Vah, Thou that destroyest the temple of God, and in three days dost

rebuild it: save Thy own self: if Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. In like manner also the chief-priests with the scribes and ancients mocking, said: He saved others: Himself He cannot save: if He be the king of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God: let Him now deliver Him if He will have Him; for He said: I am the Son of God. And the self-same thing the thieves also, that were crucified with Him, reproached Him with. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over the whole earth, until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: Eli, Eli, lamma sabacthani? that is, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? And some that stood there and heard, said: This man calleth Elias. And immediately one of them running took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar; and put it on a reed, and gave Him to drink. And the others said: Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to deliver Him. And Jesus again

crying with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. (*Here all kneel and pause.*)

And behold the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top even to the bottom, and the earth quaked, and the rocks were rent. And the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints that had slept, arose, and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection, came into the holy city and appeared to many. Now the centurion, and they that were with him watching Jesus, having seen the earthquake and the things that were done, were sore afraid saying: Indeed this was the Son of God. And there were there many women afar off, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto Him: among whom was Mary Magdalen, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. And when it was evening, there came a certain rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded that the body should be delivered. And Joseph taking the body, wrap-

ped it up in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own monument which he had hewed out in a rock. And he rolled a great stone to the door of the monument and went his way. And there was there Mary Magdalen and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

Here the priest goes to the middle of the altar, and says, Cleanse my heart, &c., having said which, he resumes the Gospel, as follows:—

And the next day, which followed the day of preparation, the chief-priests and the Pharisees came together to Pilate, saying: Sir, we have remembered that that seducer said, while he was yet alive: After three days I will rise again. Command therefore the sepulchre to be guarded until the third day: lest perhaps His disciples come and steal Him away, and say to the people, He is risen from the dead: and the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said to them: You have a guard; go, guard it as you know. And they, departing, made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting guards.

Devotions to the Holy Ghost.

Veni Creator.

SPIRIT Creator of mankind,
Come visit ev'ry pious mind,
And sweetly let Thy grace invade,
Our hearts, O Lord! which Thou hast made.

Thou art the Comforter whom all,
Gift of the highest God, must call;
The living fountain, fire and love,
The ghostly unction from above.

God's sacred finger which imparts
A sevenfold grace to faithful hearts;
Thou art the Father's promise whence
We language have, and eloquence.

Enlighten, Lord, our souls, and grant
That we, Thy love may never want;
Let not our virtue ever fail,
But strengthen what in flesh is frail.

Chase from our minds the infernal foe,
And peace, the fruit of love, bestow;
And lest our feet should step astray,
Protect and guide us in the way.

Make us, eternal truths receive,
And practise all that we believe;
Give us Thyself, that we may see
The Father and the Son in Thee.

Immortal honor, endless fame
Attend th' Almighty Father's name;
To the Son, equal praises be,
And, holy Paraclete, to Thee. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST.

O SPIRIT of Wisdom, preside over all my thoughts, words, and actions, from this hour till the moment of my death.

Spirit of Understanding, enlighten and teach me.

Spirit of Counsel, direct my inexperience.

Spirit of Fortitude, strengthen my weakness.

Spirit of Knowledge, instruct my ignorance.

Spirit of Piety, make me fervent in good works.

Spirit of Fear, restrain me from all evil.

Spirit of Peace, give me Thy peace.

Heavenly Spirit, make me persevere in the service of God, and enable me to act on all occasions with goodness and benignity, patience, charity, and joy, longanimity, mildness and fidelity. Let the heavenly virtues of modesty, continency, and chastity adorn the temple Thou hast

chosen for Thy abode. O Spirit of Holiness, by Thy all-powerful grace, preserve my soul from the misfortune of sin. *Amen.*

Prayer to the Holy Ghost.

O SANCTIFIER of our souls! Thou Spirit of love and truth! I adore Thee as the principle of my eternal happiness; I thank Thee as the dispenser of all heavenly favors; and I invoke Thee as the source of that light and strength, by which alone, I can know what is good, and be enabled to practise it. Enlighten my understanding, fortify my will, purify my heart, and make me attentive to all Thy inspirations. Pardon me, Thou Spirit of grace and mercy! Pardon me my constant infidelities, and the shameful insensibility with which I have so often resisted the most touching impulses of grace. I am at length resolved to be no longer rebellious to it, but to obey it with such docility, that I may taste those fruits, and enjoy those beatitudes, which Thy sacred gifts can produce in our souls. *Amen.*

The Litany of the Divine Providence.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father, Whose holy Providence governs all things,
God, the Son, Redeemer of mankind,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God, unchangeable Providence,
Divine Providence, Who dost govern all things in Heaven and earth,
Divine Providence, Who dost give, preserve and govern our life,
Divine Providence, the eternal love of man below and Angels above,
Divine Providence, ever conformable to the influence of the tender Heart of Jesus,

Have mercy on us.

Divine Providence, who createst, directest, and governest all things with weight, measure and wisdom,
Divine Providence, our hope, life and salvation,
Divine Providence, defence and comfort of the afflicted,
Divine Providence, guide and support of souls in all dangers,
Divine Providence, Who dost provide us with, and impart to us all, natural and supernatural gifts,
Divine Providence, inexhaustible treasury of the riches of Heaven,
Divine Providence, protector and defence of the just,
Divine Providence, safe retreat and sanctuary of the miserable,
Divine Providence, our resource in all wants,
Divine Providence, our anchor in storms,
Divine Providence, our security in danger, our way and secure haven,

Have mercy on us.

Divine Providence, remedy in all evils, food to the hungry and fountain of refreshing water to the thirsty,

Divine Providence, raiment to the naked, strength to the weak, protector and mother to widows and orphans,

Divine Providence, refuge of sinners,

Have mercy on us.

Providence of God, Who dost rule all things, infinitely deserving of our homage and adoration, spare us, O Lord!

Providence of God, Who dost protect and govern all things, infinitely worthy of our homage and adoration, hear us, O Lord!

Providence of God, Who didst create and dost know our weakness, infinitely above our homage and adoration, have mercy on us, O Lord!

℣. We praise and adore Thee, Divine Providence.

℟. We resign ourselves to Thy just and holy designs.

Let us Pray.

ETERNAL God! Whose eyes are over all Thy works, especially intent on Thy servants, vouchsafe to turn from us whatever is hurtful, and grant us whatever is advantageous, that through Thy favor and under the benign influence of Thy special Providence, we may securely pass through the transitory dangers and difficulties of this life, and happily arrive at the eternal joys of the other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers and Petitions.

Three hundred days' Indulgence, once a day. Plenary Indulgence once a month on the ordinary conditions.

O FATHER! O Son! O Holy Ghost! O Holy Trinity! O Jesus! O Mary! O ye blessed Angels of God!

O all ye Saints of Paradise, men and women, obtain for me these graces, which I ask through the precious blood of Jesus Christ:

1. Ever to do the holy will of God.
2. Ever to live in union with God.

3. Never to think of any one but God.
4. To love God alone.
5. To do all for God.
6. To seek alone God's glory.
7. To sanctify myself for God alone.
8. To know well my own utter nothingness.
9. Ever to know more and more the will of my God.

Mary most holy, offer to the Eternal Father, the most precious blood of Jesus Christ, for my poor soul, for the holy souls in Purgatory, for the wants of Holy Church, for the conversion of sinners, for all the world.

Glory be to the Father, &c. (three times, in honor of the precious blood.)

Hail Mary, &c., (in honor of the sorrows of Mary.)

Eternal rest give unto them, &c., (for the souls in purgatory.)

Devotions to the Blessed Virgin.

Method of Reciting the Chaplet of the Immaculate Conception.

The Chaplet consists of three large and twelve small beads, the latter divided into fours by the former.

I.

I THANK Thee, Eternal Father! for having by Thy Almighty power preserved Mary, most holy, Thy daughter from original sin.

Our Father, &c., once. Hail Mary, &c., After each Hail Mary, "Blessed be the holy, most pure and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary." (*Indulgence of one hundred days each time, for this ejaculation.*

II.

I THANK Thee, Eternal Son! for having by Thy wisdom preserved Mary, most holy, Thy Mother, from original sin.

Our Father, &c., as above.

III.

I THANK Thee, Holy Ghost Eternal! for having by Thy love, preserved Mary, most holy, Thy Spouse, from original sin.

Our Father, &c., as before. (At the end, one Gloria, in honor of the purity of St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary, most holy.)

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES.

O HOLY Mother of God! Our Lady of Lourdes! Behold us, Thy children, humbly prostrate before thee, lovingly acknowledging thy Immaculate Heart to be that fountain of living water flowing from Libanus, and from which came the precious stream that gushed forth for our salvation from the Heart of thy divine Son.

Behold us, now come to that fountain, which healeth and bringeth back life, beseeching thee, O Lady, to have pity on our moral and physical infirmities, and, if it be for the glory of God, and the salvation of souls, deign to hearken to our prayers

in behalf of thy afflicted servant, N.., and through the all-healing water of Lourdes, give back to this the natural powers and faculties of body and mind. *Amen.*

Our Father and Hail Mary, and: Lady of Lourdes, health of the sick, pray for us.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN AND TO ST. ANNE.

One hundred days' Indulgence each time. Plenary Indulgence on the feast of St. Anne if said ten times a month for a year, on the usual conditions.

HAIL to thee, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee! be thy grace with me. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed be holy Anne, thy mother, from whom, O Virgin Mary, thou didst come forth stainless and sinless; then of thee was born Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God. *Amen.*

A WAY OF ASKING OUR LADY'S BLESSING.

COME, O my soul! prostrate thyself at the feet of Mary, and depart not till she has blessed thee. O blessed of God! and enriched with all blessings, in thy

mercy and kindness, bless my afflicted soul and obtain for me from thy beloved Son abundant grace, that I may so faithfully serve both Him and thee in this world, that I may be made partaker of eternal glory. *Amen.*

LITANY OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
Heart of Mary,
Heart of Mary, according to the Heart of Jesus,
Heart of Mary, united to the Heart of Jesus,
Heart of Mary, organ of the Holy Ghost,
} Pray for us.

Heart of Mary, sanctuary of the divinity,
Heart of Mary, tabernacle of a God incarnate,
Heart of Mary, always exempt from sin,
Heart of Mary, always full of grace,
Heart of Mary, illustrious throne of glory,
Heart of Mary, abyss and prodigy of humility,
Heart of Mary, glorious holocaust of divine love,
Heart of Mary, nailed to the cross of Jesus,
Heart of Mary, comfort of the afflicted,
Heart of Mary, refuge of sinners,
Heart of Mary, hope of the agonizing,
Heart of Mary, seat of mercy,

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

SWEET Jesus! Who tenderly lovest the most holy of virgins, and art reciprocally most tenderly loved by her; grant, we beseech Thee, through the intercession of Thy most holy Mother, and by the resemblance her most holy heart bore to Thine, that we may ever return due love and affection for her care and tenderness in our regard: Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, world without end. *Amen.*

A Novena; or Nine Day's Devotion to the Ever Blessed Virgin.

Having, out of devotion, lighted a candle, either in your private oratory, or in the church, recite each day the following prayer. The intent is for obtaining some particular favor.

INCOMPARABLE Virgin! chosen by the ever adorable Trinity, from all eternity, to be the most pure Mother of Jesus, allow thy servant to remind thee of the joy thou receivedst in the instant of the most sacred Incarnation of our divine Lord, and during the nine months thou carriedst Him in thy most chaste womb. Oh! that I could but renew, or, if possible, increase this thy joy by the fervor of my prayers. Most tender Mother of the afflicted! grant me, in my present necessities, those maternal consolations and that peculiar protection, thou hast promised to those who shall devoutly commemorate this ineffable joy.—Relying on thy sacred word, and trusting in thy promise, I humbly entreat thee to obtain from Jesus Christ, thy dearly beloved Son, my request. *Having specified it, say:* May this light I burn before thy image, stand as a memorial of the lively confidence I repose in thy bounty. May it be consumed in honor of that inflamed and supernatural love and joy, with which thy Sacred Heart was replenished during the abode of thy

blessed Son in thy womb, in veneration of which I offer to thee the sentiments of my heart, and the following salutations.

PRAYER.

MOTHER of my God! to thee I offer these *Hail Marys:* they are so many brilliant jewels in the diadem of thy accidental glory, which will remain increasing to the end of the world. I beseech thee, comfort of the afflicted, by the joy thou receivedst in the submission and obedience of thy Son, to comfort my afflicted heart, and to obtain of Him for me a favorable answer to the petition I make to thy compassionate mercy and benevolence. To this effect I offer to thee all the good works that have ever been performed in the confraternities of thy Sacred Heart, and other associations in thy honor. I most humbly entreat thee, on this consideration, and for the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with which thy own was ever so inflamed, to hear my humble suit, and grant my request. *Amen.*

Devotions to St. Joseph.

Memorare to St. Joseph.

Remember, O most pure spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary, my sweet protector St. Joseph! that no one ever had recourse to thy protection or implored thy aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in thy goodness, I come before thee, and humbly supplicate thee. Oh, despise not my petitions, foster-father of the Redeemer but graciously receive them. *Amen.*

His Holiness, Pope Pius IX., by a brief, June 26, 1863, granted to all the faithful who shall say this prayer, with at least contrite heart and devotion: An indulgence of three hundred days, once a day.

Responsorium.

Whoe'er would live a holy life,
Whoe'er in joy would die,
Let him St. Joseph's aid implore,
And on his help rely.

He Jesus' foster-father was,
The virgin mother's spouse;
Just, faithful, pure, whate'er he asks,
Their grateful love allows.
Whoe'er, etc.

Adorer of the child divine,
Consoler in His flight,
When lost he seeks Him tearfully
And finds him with delight.
Whoe'er, etc.

The mighty Maker of the world
On Him for bread depends;
To him th' eternal Father's Son
His will submissive bends.
Whoe'er, etc.

When death drew nigh he saw with joy
The dawn of heaven's day;
With Jesus, Mary, by his side
He sweetly passed away.
Whoe'er, etc.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Whoe'er, etc.

Ant. Behold the faithful and prudent servant, whom the Lord set over his house.

℣. Pray for us, blessed Joseph.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

God, who, in Thine ineffable providence, didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the husband of Thy most holy Mother grant, we beseech Thee, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven, whom on earth we venerate as our holy protector. Who livest, and reignest world without end. *Amen.*

An indulgence of one year.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH.

PRESCRIBED BY HIS HOLINESS LEO XIII.

IN our tribulation we fly to Thee, O blessed Joseph, and after imploring the help of thy most holy Spouse, we ask

also with confidence for thy patronage.—By the affection which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the child Jesus, we beseech thee to look kindly upon the inheritance, which Jesus Christ acquired by His precious blood, and by thy powerful aid to help us in our needs.

Protect, most careful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen people of Jesus Christ, keep us, most loving Father, from all pestilence of error, and corruption; be merciful to us, most powerful protector, from thy place in heaven, in this warfare against the powers of darkness, and as thou didst snatch the child Jesus from danger of death, so now defend the holy Church of God from the snares of the enemy, and from all adversity. Guard each of us by thy personal patronage, so that sustained by thy example and help, we may live in holiness, die a holy death, and obtain the everlasting happiness of heaven! *Amen.*

(300 *days Indulgence.*)

Dear St. Joseph, protect us, protect the holy Church.

(50 *days Indulgence.*)

SALUTATION.

HAIL! Joseph, full of grace! Jesus and Mary are with thee; blessed art thou among men, and blessed is the fruit of thy Spouse, Jesus. Holy St. Joseph, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

Devotions to St. Vincent.

A Prayer to St. Vincent of Paul.

Composed by the Most Rev. M. J. Spalding when Bishop of Louisville, for the Sisters of Nazareth.

BLESSED St. Vincent! humbly prostrate before that throne, at which thou art ever present, with all our hearts we implore thee, that thou wouldst not forget those whose special patron thou art. Thou art safe in the port; we are yet tossed about on the dangerous billows of life. In continual danger of shipwreck, we raise our hands and our hearts to thee. Oh! take pity on us, and succor us by prayers, which God cannot fail to hear. Obtain for us true and deep humility of heart, that fully conscious of our weakness, we may place all our confidence in God alone. Obtain for us a portion of that divine charity with which thy heart was inflamed on earth, and which fills it with a torrent of delights in heaven. Obtain for us a spirit of prayer, which, by

pervading all our daily actions, may keep us constantly united with God. Obtain for us, comfort in sadness, patience under suffering, consolation amid spiritual desolation, and perseverance to the end in virtue.

Thou art our Father; we are thy daughters. Oh! forget us not in our infirmities and necessities. We approach thee with the unbounded confidence of children. Oh! lend a fatherly ear to our supplications. Procure for us a constant advancement in virtue, and the fullness of that religious spirit, which thou didst infuse into thy children while on earth. Obtain for us grace to eradicate our predominant defects, and to acquire the virtue of which we stand most in need. And, O holy Father, obtain for us, we beseech thee, the happiness of being united with thee forever in heaven. *Amen.*

SALUTATION.

HAIL! blessed Father, our Model, and our Guide, filled with the double spirit of humility and charity, true disci-

ple of Jesus, meek and humble of heart! Saint Vincent, pray for us who are thy children, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

NOVENA TO ST. VINCENT OF PAUL.

Come, O Holy Ghost, &c.

PRAYERS ON THE FIVE PRINCIPAL VIRTUES OF THE SAINT.

First—Of Simplicity.

O BLESSED St. Vincent! through that immortal glory which thou hast deserved to possess by thy admirable simplicity; which, making thee an enemy to all disguise, caused thee to seek in all thy actions the sole glory and good pleasure of the divine Majesty; we beseech thee to obtain for us the greatest aversion for duplicity, with a tender love for rectitude and simplicity of heart in the divine service.

Our Father, &c.

Hail Mary, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Second—Of Humility.

O BLESSED St. Vincent! through that crown of resplendent glory thou hast deserved in heaven by thy most profound humility; we beseech thee to obtain for us the grace of subduing our pride, and by the clear knowledge of our weakness and misery, of loving always, with sincerity of heart, contempts and humiliations, and of hating with the like sincerity all the honors and praises of men, seeking to gain the esteem of Him alone, whose judgments are to be dreaded.

Our Father, &c.

Hail Mary, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Third—Of Meekness.

O BLESSED St. Vincent! by that admirable meekness which rendered thee amiable both to God and men; and by which thou didst attract so many hardened and obstinate sinners into the way of salvation; we beseech thee to obtain for us, that our hearts may ever be embalmed

with charity, tenderness and meekness towards our neighbor; to the end that, by the charms of that virtue, we may draw every heart to the love of God and the observance of His most holy law.

Our Father, &c.

Hail Mary, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Fourth—Of Mortification.

O BLESSED St. Vincent! through eminent merits which thou hast acquired, by the continual care and earnest diligence which thou hast used during the whole course of thy long life, in subduing and mortifying thy flesh with its concupiscences; in crucifying thy passions thy senses and thy inclinations; we beseech thee to obtain for us, that, after thy example, we may always carry the mortification of Jesus Christ in our mortal bodies, that we may be true lovers of sufferings, and that we may place all our consolation and all our glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Our Father &c.
Hail Mary, &c.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

Fifth—Of Zeal.

O BLESSED St. Vincent! whose life was wholly employed in zealously procuring the glory of God and the good of souls redeemed by the blood of our Saviour, through that immense multitude of souls saved by thy ministry, and who now surround the throne of thy glory in heaven; we humbly beseech thee to obtain for us of the divine Majesty, an ardent, wise and active zeal, to procure, even, if necessary, at the expense of our lives, the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls, by all means belonging to our state of life.

Our Father, &c.
Hail Mary, &c.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

LITANY OF ST. VINCENT.

ORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God, the Son, redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
St. Vincent of Paul,
St. Vincent, who, from thy childhood, didst show the wisdom of old age,
St. Vincent, who, from thy infancy, hast had a compassionate and merciful heart,
St. Vincent, who, like David, from an humble shepherd hast been chosen to be the pastor of the people of God,

} Pray for us.

St. Vincent, who hast preserved a perfect liberty in the midst of thy captivity,

St. Vincent, just man, living by faith,

St. Vincent, securely supported by the firm anchor of faith,

St. Vincent, inflamed with the fire of charity,

St. Vincent, truly simple, upright and fearing God,

St. Vincent, faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, truly meek and humble of heart,

St. Vincent, perfectly mortified in body and soul,

St. Vincent, living by the spirit of Christ,

St. Vincent, zealous promoter of the glory of God,

St. Vincent, strenuous searcher and and converter of souls,

St. Vincent, who hast found in poverty the rich treasure of the gospel,

Pray for us.

St. Vincent, imitator of the chastity of Angels,
St. Vincent, obedient man, speaking of victories,
St. Vincent, applied to labors from thy youth,
St. Vincent, refraining from all appearance of evil,
St. Vincent, studiously aspiring to perfect virtue,
St. Vincent, immovable as a rock amidst the waves of this world,
St. Vincent, constant in paths of wisdom as the sun in its course,
St. Vincent, most patient in every trial of adversity,
St. Vincent, long suffering and plenteous in mercy,
St. Vincent, most faithful son of the Roman Church,
St. Vincent, inviolably attached until death to St. Peter's Chair,
St. Vincent, most averse to profane novelty of words,
St. Vincent, destined by Providence to preach the gospel to the poor,

Pray for us.

St. Vincent, most pious instructor and model of the Clergy,
St. Vincent, wise founder of the Congregation of the Mission,
St. Vincent, most prudent institutor of the Daughters of Charity,
St. Vincent, most generous benefactor of the poor,
St. Vincent, continually addicted to prayer and the ministry of the word,
St. Vincent, assiduous follower of the life and virtues of Jesus Christ,
St. Vincent, who hast been faithful unto the end,
St. Vincent, whose death was precious in the sight of the Lord,
St. Vincent, now happy in the full enjoyment of truth, charity and eternity,
St. Vincent, that, as faithful children, we may tread in the steps of our Father,
Lamb of God, &c.

Pray for us.

℣. The Lord has conducted the just man by right ways.

℟. And He has shown him the kingdom of God.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, Who, to preach the gospel to the poor, to relieve the miseries of the forlorn, infirm and afflicted, and to promote the glory of the ecclesiastical order; hast renewed the Spirit of Thy Son, in the apostolic charity and humility of the Blessed Vincent of Paul; grant us, by his intercession, that being delivered from the miseries of our sins, we may please Thee by the practice of the same humility and charity: through Jesus Christ, Who livest and reignest with Thee in unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

Devotions to the Saints.

The Litany of the Saints.

Anth. Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents, and take not revenge of our sins.

KYRIE eleison.	LORD, have mercy on us.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy on us.
Christe audi nos.	Christ, hear us.
Christe exaudi nos.	Christ, graciously hear us.
Pater de cœlis Deus, miserere nobis.	God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus, miserere nobis.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
Spiritus Sancte Deus, miserere nobis.	God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Sancta Trinitas unus Deus, miserere nobis.	Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis.	Holy Mary, pray for us.

Sancta Dei genitrix,	Holy Mother of God,
Sancta Virgo virginum,	Holy Virgin of virgins,
Sancte Michael,	St. Michael,
Sancte Gabriel,	St. Gabriel,
Sancte Raphael,	St. Raphael,
Omnes sancti Angeli et Archangeli, orate pro nobis.	All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
Omnes sancti beatorum Spiritum ordines, orate, &c.	All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,
Sancte Joannes Baptista,	St. John the Baptist,
Sancte Joseph,	St. Joseph,
Omnes sanctes patriarchæ et prophetæ, orate pro nobis.	All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,
Sancte Petre,	St. Peter,
Sancte Paule,	St. Paul,
Sancte Andrea,	St. Andrew,
Sancte Jacobe,	St. James,
Sancte Joannes,	St. John,
Sancte Thoma,	St. Thomas,
Sancte Jacobe,	St. James,
Sancte Philippe,	St. Philip,
Sancte Bartholomæe	St. Bartholomew,
Sancte Matthæe,	St. Matthew,
Sancte Simon,	St. Simon,
Sancte Thaddæe,	St. Thaddeus,

Ora pro nobis.

Ora pro nobis.

Pray for us.

Sancte Mathia,	Ora, &c.	St. Matthias,
Sancte Barnaba,		St. Barnaby,
Sancte Luca,		St. Luke,
Sancte Marce,		St. Mark,
Omnes sancti Apostoli et Evangelistæ, orate pro nobis.		All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists.
Omnes sancti discipuli Domini, orate pro nobis.		All ye holy disciples of our Lord,
Omnes sancti Innocentes orate pro nobis.		All ye holy Innocents,
Sancte Stephane, ora, &c.		St. Stephen,
Sancte Laurenti, ora, &c.		St. Lawrence,
Sancte Vincenti, ora, &c.		St. Vincent,
Sancti Fabiane et Sebastiane,	Orate pro nobis.	SS. Fabian and Sebastian,
Sancti Joannes et Paule,		SS. John and Paul,
Sancti Cosma et Damiane,		SS. Cosmas and Damian,
Sancti Gervasi et Protasi,		SS. Gervase and Protase,
Omnes sancti martyres,		All ye holy martyrs.
Sancte Sylvester, ora, &c.		St. Sylvester,
Sancte Gregori, ora, &c.		St. Gregory,

Pray for us.

Sancte Ambrosi,	St. Ambrose,
Sancte Augustine,	St. Augustine,
Sancte Hieronyme,	St. Jerome,
Sancte Martine,	St. Martin,
Sancte Nicolae,	St. Nicholas,
Omnes sancti pontifices et confessores orate, &c.	All ye holy bishops and confessors,
Omnes sancti doctores, orate, &c.	All ye holy doctors,
Sancte Antoni, ora, &c.	St. Anthony,
Sancte Benedicte, ora, &c.	St. Benedict,
Sancte Bernarde, ora, &c.	St. Bernard,
Sancte Dominice, ora, &c.	St. Dominic,
Sancte Francisce, ora, &c.	St. Francis,
Omnes sancte sacerdotes et levitæ, orate, &c.	All ye holy priests and levites,
Omnes sancti monachi et eremitæ, orate, &c.	All ye holy monks and hermits,
Sancta Maria Magdalena,	St. Mary Magdalen,
Sancta Agatha,	St. Agatha,
Sancta Lucia,	St. Lucy,
Sancta Agnes,	St. Agnes,
Sancta Cæcilia,	St. Cecilia,
Sancta Catharina,	St. Catherine,

Ora, &c. — Pray for us.

Ora pro nobis. — Pray for us.

Sancta Anastasia, ora, &c.	St. Anastasia, pray for us.
Omnes sanctæ virgines et viduæ, orate, &c.	All ye holy virgins and widows, pray, &c.
Omnes sancti et sanctæ Dei, intercedite pro nobis.	All ye men and women. Saints of God, make intercession for us.
Propitius esto, parce nobis Domine.	Be merciful unto us, spare us, O Lord.
Propitius esto, exaudi nos Domine.	Be merciful unto us, graciously hear us, O Lord.
Ab omni malo, libera nos Domine,	From all evil, O Lord deliver us.
Ab omni peccato,	From all sin,
Ab ira tua,	From Thy wrath,
A subitanea et improvisa morte,	From a sudden and unprovided death.
Ab insidiis diaboli,	From the deceits of the devil,
Ab ira, et odio, et omni mala voluntate,	From anger, hatred, and ill-will,
A spiritu fornicationis,	From the spirit of fornication.
A fulgure et tempestate,	From lightning and tempest,
A morte perpetua,	From everlasting death,

Libera nos, Domine. — O Lord, deliver us.

Per mysterium sanctæ incarnationis tuæ,	Libera nos, Domine.	Through the mystery of Thy Holy incarnation.	O Lord, deliver us.
Per adventum tuum,		Through Thy coming.	
Per nativitatem tuam,		Through Thy nativity,	
Per baptismum et sanctum jejunium tuum.		Through Thy baptism and holy fasting,	
Per crucem et passionem tuam,		Through Thy cross and passion,	
Per mortem et sepulturam tuam,		Through Thy death and burial,	
Per sanctam resurrectionem tuam.		Through Thy holy resurrection,	
Per admirabilem ascensionem tuam,		Through Thy admirable ascension	
Per adventum Spiritus sancti Paracliti,		Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,	
In die judicii,		In the day of judgment,	
Peccatores, te rogamus, audi nos,		We sinners, do beseech Thee to hear us.	
Ut nobis parcas,	Te rogamus, &c.	That Thou spare us,	We beseech, &c.
Ut nobis indulgeas,		That Thou pardon us.	
Ut ad veram pœnitentiam nos perducere digneris,		That thou vouchsafe to bring us to true penance,	

Ut Ecclesiam tuam sanctam regere et conservare digneris,

That Thou vouchsafe to govern and preserve Thy Holy Church.

Ut domnum Apostolicum et omnes ecclesiasticos ordines in sancta religione conservare digneris,

That Thou vouchsafe to preserve our apostolic prelate, and all ecclesiastical orders in holy religion,

Ut inimicos sanctæ Ecclesiæ humiliare digneris,

That Thou vouchsafe to humble the enemies of the holy Church.

Ut regibus et principibus Christianis pacem et veram concordiam donare digneris,

That Thou vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,

Ut cuncto populo Christiano pacem et unitatem largiri digneris,

That thou vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,

Ut nosmetipsos in tuo sancto servitio confortare et conservare digneris,

That thou vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service.

Te rogamus, audi nos.

We beseech Thee to hear us.

Ut mentes nostras ad cœlestia desideria erigas,	That Thou lift up our minds to heavenly desires,
Ut omnibus benefactoribus nostris sempiterna bona retribuas,	That Thou render eternal good things to all our benefactors,
Ut animas nostras, fratrum propinquorum, et benefactorum nostrorum, ab æterna damnatione eripias,	That Thou deliver our souls and those of our brethren, kinsfolks and benefactors, from eternal damnation.
Ut fructus terræ dare et conservare digneris,	That thou vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,
Ut omnibus fidelibus defunctis requiem æternam donare digneris,	That thou vouchsafe to give eternal rest to all the faithful departed,
Ut nos exaudire digneris,	That thou vouchsafe graciously to hear us,
Fili Dei,	Son of God.

Te rogamus, audi nos. — We beseech Thee to hear us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, parce nobis Domine.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Agnus, Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, exaudi nos Domine.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear, us O Lord.

Agnus, Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Christe, audi nos. Christe, exaudi nos. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Pater noster, (*secreto.*)

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Our Father, (*inaudibly.*)

℣. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

℣. And lead us not into temptation.

℟. Sed libera nos a malo.

℟. But deliver us from evil.

PSALM lxix.

DEUS, in adjutorium meum intende: *Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

O GOD, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me.

Confundantur et revereantur, *qui quærunt animam meam:

Avertantur retrorsum, et erubescant, *qui volunt mihi mala:

Avertantur statim erubescentes, *qui dicunt mihi: Euge, euge.

Exultent et lætentur in te omnes qui quærunt te, *et dicant semper: Magnificetur Dominus; qui diligunt salutare tuum.

Ego vero egenus et pauper sum: *Deus adjuva me.

Adjutor meus et liberator meus es tu: *Domine ne moreris.

Gloria Patri, &c.

℣. Salvos fac servos tuos.

℟. Deus meus, sperantes in te.

Let them be confounded and ashamed: *that seek my soul:

Let them be turned backward, and blush for shame *that desire evils to me:

Let them be presently turned away blushing for shame *that say to me: 'Tis well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee: *and let such as love Thy salvation say always: The Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor: O God, help me.

Thou art my helper and my deliverer: *O Lord, make no delay.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

℣. Save thy servants.

℟. Trusting in Thee, O my God.

℣. Esto nobis, Domine, turris fortitudinis.

℟. A facie inimici.

℣. Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength.

℟. From the face of the enemy.

℣. Nihil proficiat inimicus in nobis.

℟. Et filius iniquitatis non apponat nocere nobis.

℣. Let not the enemy prevail against us.

℟. Nor the son of iniquity have any power to hurt us.

℣. Domine, non secundum peccata nostra facias nobis.

℟. Neque secundum iniquitates nostras retribuas nobis.

℣. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.

℟. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

℣. Oremus pro pontifice nostro *N.*

℟. Dominus conservet eum, et vivificet eum, et beatum faciat eum in terra, et non tradat eum in animan inimicorum ejus.

℣. Let us pray for our chief bishop, *N.*

℟. The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon earth: and deliver him not to the will of his enemies.

℣. Oremus pro benefactoribus nostris.

℟. Retribuere dignare Domine, omnibus nobis bona facientibus,

℣. Let us pray for our benefactors.

℟. Vouchsafe, O Lord, for Thy name's sake, to reward with

propter nomen tuum, vitam æternam.

Amen.

℣. Oremus pro fidelibus defunctis.

℟. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

℣. Requiescant in pace.

℟. *Amen.*

℣. Pro fratribus nostris absentibus.

℟. Salvos fac servos tuos, Deus meus, sperantes in te.

℣. Mitte eis, Domine, auxilium de sancto.

℟. Et de Sion tuere eos.

℣. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

℟. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

eternal life, all those who have done us good. *Amen.*

℣. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

℟. Eternal rest give them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

℣. May they rest in peace.

℟. *Amen.*

℣. For our absent brethren.

℟. O my God, save Thy servants trusting in Thee.

℣. Send them help, O Lord, from Thy holy place.

℟. And from Sion protect them.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD! Whose property is always to have mercy and to spare, receive

our petition; that we, and all Thy servants who are bound by the chains of sin, may, by the compassion of Thy goodness, be mercifully absolved.

HEAR, we beseech Thee, O Lord! the prayers of Thy suppliants, and pardon the sins of them that confess to Thee; that, in Thy bounty, Thou mayest give us pardon and peace.

OUT of Thy clemency, O Lord! show Thy unspeakable mercy to us; that so Thou mayest both acquit us of our sins and deliver us from the punishments we deserve for them.

O GOD! Who by sin art offended, and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of Thy people making supplication to Thee, and turn away the scourges of Thy anger which we deserve for our sins.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God! have mercy on Thy servant, *N.*, our chief bishop, and direct him according to Thy

clemency, into the way of everlasting salvation; that, by Thy grace, he may desire those things that are agreeable to Thee, and perform them with all his strength.

O GOD! from Whom are all holy desires, right counsels and just works give to Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be disposed to keep Thy commandments, and the fear of enemies being removed, the times, by Thy protection, may be peaceable.

INFLAME, O Lord! our reins and hearts with the fire of Thy holy spirit, that we may serve Thee with chaste bodies, and please Thee with clean hearts.

O GOD! the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that, through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired.

PROMPT, we beseech Thee, O Lord! our actions by Thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by Thy gracious assistance; that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from Thee, and by Thee be happily ended.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God! Who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all whom Thou foreknowest shall be Thine by faith and good works; we humbly beseech Thee, that they for whom we have determined to offer up our prayers, whether this world still detains them in the flesh, or the world to come has already received them out of their bodies, may, by the clemency of Thy goodness, all Thy saints interceding for them, obtain pardon and full remission of all their sins: through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth, one God with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

℣. O Lord! hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

℣. May the Almighty and most merciful Lord graciously hear us.

℟. Amen.

℣. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

Occasional Prayers.

A Prayer for Fulfilling the Will of God.

(*Imitation of Christ.*)

Grant me Thy grace, most merciful Jesus, that it may be with me, and labor with me, and continue with me to the end.

Grant me always to desire and will that which is most acceptable to Thee and which pleaseth Thee best.

Let Thy will be mine, and let my will always follow Thine, and agree perfectly with it.

Let me always will and not will the same with Thee; and let me not be able to will or not will anything except what Thou willest or willest not. *Amen.*

(Indulgence of two hundred days, once a day.—Granted by Pope Leo XIII.

PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, BEFORE THE IMAGE OF JESUS CHRIST.

GRANT me grace, O merciful God, to desire ardently all that is pleasing to Thee, to examine it prudently, to acknowledge it truthfully, and to accomplish it perfectly, for the praise and glory of Thy name. *Amen.*

(Indulgence of three hundred days, when recited before reading or study.—Granted by Pope Leo XIII.

WHEN THE CLOCK STRIKES.

BLESSED be the hour in which our Lord Jesus Christ was born, was crucified and died for our sins.

OR:

O MY God! I love Thee with all my heart, give me grace never more to offend Thee, and to make good use of my precious time.

ADD:

JESUS, Mary, Joseph &c., *and apply the Indulgences to the souls in Purgatory.*

Before Recreation, and before Paying or Receiving Visits.

GRANT, O my God! that my whole deportment may be such as becomes a spouse of Jesus Christ; close my heart against the spirit of the world, and against every sentiment that would be, in the least, displeasing to Thee; teach me, Thyself, what I ought to say; preserve me, I beseech Thee, from offending Thee by my words.

In Going to the Classes.

O DIVINE Jesus! I go in Thy name, and for Thy love. Give me Thy Spirit, and teach me to instruct these Thy children, according to Thy will.

Angels of those committed to my charge, come to my aid: protect and bless us.

On Leaving the Class-rooms.

ACCEPT, O my God! the duty I have just performed. Pardon the faults I committed in it, and give my poor efforts success for the glory of Thy name.

WHEN WALKING.

DIVINE Jesus! I unite all my steps with those Thou didst take for me; I desire to unite them, especially with those Thou didst take during Thy bitter passion.

WHEN YOU TAKE UP A BOOK.

O FOUNTAIN of all light! vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, to enlighten my understanding: give me a diligent and docile spirit, and an efficacious desire to apply whatever I read to the glory of God, the sanctification of my soul, and the salvation of others.

AFTER READING.

O MY God! foster the divine seed which Thou hast sown in my soul.

OR:

GRANT, O my Jesus! that like Thy blessed Mother, I may keep all Thy words, pondering over them in my heart.

A Prayer for One's Confessor.

IN asking of Thee, O my God, the graces of which I am in need, can I without ingratitude, forget before Thee, him whom Thou hast chosen from among Thy ministers, to reconcile me to Thee by the Sacrament of Penance, justly called the second plank after shipwreck?

Deign, I beseech Thee, O my God! to adorn his soul with the virtues befitting the functions of the awful ministry with which Thou hast invested him. Grant him the faith of St. Peter, the charity of St. Paul, the firmness of St. Chrysostom, the evangelical liberty of St. Ambrose, the lights of St. Augustine, the piety of St. Bernard, the zeal of St. Charles Borromeo, the mildness of St. Francis of Sales, and the humility of St. Vincent of Paul.

Guide him Thyself, O Lord! in all his actions, that after having been here below a prudent and faithful dispenser of Thy mysteries, he may hereafter receive from Thy bountiful hands, the bright crown

Thou hast promised in a blessed eternity, to the priests who shall have consecrated their lives to bring back their fellow-creatures from the ways of error, and to conduct them in the paths of justice and peace. *Amen.*

A PRAYER TO THE MONTHLY PATRON.

O THOU blessed inhabitant of the heavenly Jerusalem! who hast been appointed by the divine goodness to be my patron during this month; receive me under Thy protection; defend me by thy intercession from all dangers of soul and body; obtain that I may be a faithful imitator of thy virtues, and that the fire of divine love may be more and more kindled in my heart.

℣. Pray for us, St. *N.*

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

ALL merciful God! Who, on each month, assignest me, through Thy infinite love, one of the heavenly citi-

zens as my advocate and patron, graciously vouchsafe, that, by the intercession of St. *N.*, whom Thy goodness has appointed to be my model and protector during this month, I *N.*, and also *N. N.* (*mention the persons for whom you pray,*) may feel an augmentation of Thy grace; and fortified with the same, may steadfastly exercise the virtue of *N.*, which his example teaches and inspires: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for our Superiors.

BE Thyself, O my God! the guide and support of those whom Thou hast intrusted with the care of us. Be their light that they may discern in all things that which is most conducive to Thy glory and our salvation. Be their strength, that they may have the courage to check and prevent all that might lead to Thy dishonor and to the injury of souls. Make them firm, gentle, patient and wise; fill their hearts with Thy charity; be their consolation in all their trials, help them to bear faithfully the portion of the cross

which Thou hast laid upon them. Bless all the good works they undertake, and give them the grace to direct them according to Thy holy will. Bless our entire community, and to each one of us, give a spirit of docile submission, of union, of simplicity, and self sacrifice, that we may cheerfully and generously labor together in Thy service, lighten the burden of our Superiors, be a joy to them, and by the exact and constant observance of our rules, secure the salvation of our souls and lead others to Thee. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ONE'S PARENTS.

THAT we should honor our parents is Thine own sweet command, O my God! Hence, with great and loving confidence, I come to implore Thy mercy in behalf of mine. Thou dost condescend to let me call Thee by the tender name of Father. Remember him who shares with Thee a name so dear to me. To give us some idea of the extent of Thy love for us, Thou hast compared it to a mother's love. Hear, I beseech Thee, the petitions I make

to Thee, for her who brought me into the world. Unable to make a just return to my parents for all the benefits I have received at their hands, I beg of Thee, O my God, to pay my debt of filial gratitude, and by Thy grace to transform it into Thy most precious gifts. May Thy benediction rest on my father and mother as on the holy patriarchs of old. Fill their hands with good works, and their hearts with Thy saving peace, and permit not that they should appear before Thee unprepared. Grant that I may never wilfully be a cause of sorrow to them. Forgive their sins and mine, that we may all be united with Thee in a blessed eternity.

Amen.

Prayer for the Conversion of Persons who are Dear to us.

O MY God! the sorrow that so often makes me groan in Thy presence, is not hidden from Thee. Thou knowest well that it abides in my heart like a cruel thorn, mingling grief with every joy.

How painful to see the beings most tenderly loved, out of the way that leads to Thee and to eternal life; to be unable to share with them the happiness of serving Thee and to tremble unceasingly, lest death should suddenly overtake them, without leaving them a single moment to utter a cry of repentance! Ah! how can I express this sorrow. Thou seest it, O my God! have compassion on it.

Should that misfortune, the greatest of all, fall upon me; were I condemned to experience that fearful anxiety for the eternal fate of a soul whom 'tis Thy will I should love, Thou wouldst still permit me to hope in the depths of Thy mercy; but I feel that life would become a martyrdom for me, and I could no longer enjoy a moment of happiness on earth.

Ah! my Saviour! ere the hour of Thy inexorable justice has come, I beseech Thy clemency to bring back those dear wanderers. Remember that Thou hast suffered and died for them. My Jesus! they are Thine: in praying for their salvation, I enter into the designs of Thy work of Re-

demption. How could I be without confidence?

I will then hope, if need be, I will hope against hope, for "*the Lord is nigh unto them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will do the will of them that fear Him, and He will hear their prayer and save them.* (*Ps.* cxliv, 18 19.) Save them, save us, O my God! and do as Thou pleasest with our earthly joys, with our lives. Save us, that together we may sing Thy praises in eternity. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Poor.

O JESUS! Who in Thy great mercy hast deigned to call me to serve Thee in the person of the poor, the lowly, the ignorant, inflame my heart with a great love for this, the special object of my vocation. In the fulfillment of whatever duties Thy providence may assign to me, grant that I may not be carried away by wordly views, but that I may cherish the things which Thou hast contemned. Give me the heart of a true Sister of Charity, a heart overflowing with love for Thee

and for all that is dear to Thee; and if I deserve not to be personally employed in ministering to the wants of Thy poor, let my unworthy prayers, at least, obtain the alleviation of their sufferings. Infuse into their souls a ray of Thy infinite wisdom, that by a generous submission to Thy will, they may merit an eternal recompense. Inspire the rich with charity; they have received their wealth from Thee, and should be Thy stewards. Give them grace to be mindful of Thy words: *Make unto you friends out of the mammon of iniquity, that when you shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting dwellings.*

BEADS FOR THE DEAD.

✠ In the name of the Father, &c.

On the Large Beads:

℣. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord!

℟. And let perpetual light shine upon them. *Amen.*

On the Small Beads:

℣. O compassionate Jesus! have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed.

℟. And grant them eternal rest.

Amen.

(The above are said on the ordinary beads. If you are praying for some particular person, use the pronoun in the singular.)

A Prayer for Renewing the Promises of Baptism.

MOST holy Trinity! Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one God in three persons! I present myself before Thy sovereign Majesty, to pay Thee the tribute of my adoration and thanksgiving, for the innumerable graces and blessings which Thou hast so liberally bestowed upon me, from my first coming into the world, until now. I thank Thee particularly, O my God! for the inestimable grace of my baptism. What gratitude can bear proportion to such a favor? By baptism, I have been delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of Thy beloved Son; by baptism I have been

cleansed from the stain of that sin in which I was born; by baptism, I have been made a member of the body of Jesus Christ, to live of His life, to be animated and guided by His spirit, to be fed with His sacred flesh, to enter into His designs to imitate His virtues; finally, to be a living image of what He has been during His mortal life. These are the obligations of my baptism, these are the conditions of the alliance which Thou wouldst have me contract with Thee; and although I was at that time ignorant of them, and my will had no part in this sacred contract, far from wishing to be released from them, or appealing, in any manner, from my vows and professions, I ratify them now, and renew them in Thy presence from the bottom of my heart, with a profound sorrow for having hitherto led a life so little conformable to my promises, and proved myself, by repeated transgressions, so unworthy of the glorious quality of Thy child. But now, relying on the promised assistance of Thy grace, it is my firm determination to

labor all my life in fulfilling the sacred engagements which my sponsors have contracted in my name.

Yes, O my God! I renounce, for ever, Satan and all his suggestions, the world and all its pomps, sin and all its concupiscences. I am resolved, as it was promised in my behalf, to unite and attach myself more and more to Jesus Christ, my Saviour, and to make His divine laws and maxims the object of my earnest study, and the invariable rule of all my actions.

O Eternal Father! Who was pleased to adopt me in Thy Son Jesus Christ, as one of Thy children, and to call me to Thy celestial inheritance, revive in me the grace of this divine adoption; and since I am regenerated by Thee alone, in order to be a citizen of heaven, grant that I may live for Thee alone, and that all my desires and labors may be directed to the acquisition of heavenly goods.

O Jesus! the only-begotten Son of the Father! Who hast made me a member of Thy mystical body, washed me in Thy

blood and sanctified me by Thy holy Sacraments, perfect Thy work in me. Purify my heart from the remains of the pride and corruption of Adam; and form Thy precious image in my soul, by engraving in it Thy charity, Thy humility, Thy purity and all Thy other virtues, which are the glorious features of that image.

O Holy Spirit! adorable principle of the divine adoption! be also the principle of my life, of my actions, of my desires, and of all the motions of my heart, that they may be worthy of a child of God, and member of Jesus Christ.

O Holy Trinity! Who, in consecrating me to Thy service by baptism, hast made me the adorer of the Unity of Thy name, and of the Trinity of Thy persons, mercifully grant that I may adore Thee in spirit and in truth during my life, and love, praise and enjoy Thee during eternity. *Amen.*

The Seven Penitential Psalms.

ANTHEM.

REMEMBER, not, O Lord! our offences, nor those of our parents, and take not revenge on our sins.

PSALM VI. *Domine ne in furore.*

O LORD! rebuke me not in Thy indignation, nor chastise me in Thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord! for I am weak: heal me, O Lord! for my bones are troubled.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly: but Thou, O Lord! how long?

Turn to me, O Lord! and deliver my soul: O save me for Thy mercy's sake.

For there is no one in death, that is mindful of Thee: and who shall confess to Thee in hell?

I have labored in my groanings, every night I will wash my bed: I will wash my couch with my tears.

My eye is troubled through indignation: I have grown old amongst all my enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity: for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication: the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all my enemies be ashamed, and be very much troubled: let them be turned back, and be ashamed very speedily.

Glory be, &c.

PSALM XXXI. *Beati quorum.*

BLESSED are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Because I was silent my bones grew old; whilst I cried out all the day long.

For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me: I am turned in my anguish, whilst the thorn is threatened.

I have acknowledged my sin to Thee, and my injustice I have not concealed.

I said I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord: and Thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is holy pray to Thee in a seasonable time.

And yet in a flood of many waters, they shall not come nigh unto Him.

Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me: my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

I will give Thee understanding, and I will instruct Thee in this way, in which Thou shalt go: I will fix my eyes upon Thee.

Do not become like the horse and the mule, who have no understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast their jaws, who come not near unto Thee.

Many are the scourges of the sinner, but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye just, and glory, all ye right of heart.

Glory be, &c.

PSALM XXXVII. *Domine, ne in furore.*

REBUKE me not, O Lord, in Thy indignation; nor chastise me in Thy wrath.

For Thy arrows are fastened in me: and Thy hand hath been strong upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because of Thy wrath: there is no peace for my bones, because of my sins.

For my iniquities are gone over my head: and as a heavy burden are become heavy upon me.

My sores are putrified and corrupted, because of my foolishness.

I am become miserable, and am bowed down even to the end; I walked sorrowful all the day long.

For my loins are filled with illusions; and there is no health in my flesh.

I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly: I roared with the groaning of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before Thee, and my groaning is not hidden from Thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me, and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.

My friends and my neighbors have drawn near, and stood against me.

And they that were near me stood afar off: and they that sought my soul used violence.

And they that sought evils to me spoke vain things, and studied deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not: and as a dumb man not opening his mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth not: and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

For in Thee, O Lord! have I hoped: Thou wilt hear me, O Lord my God!

For I said: Lest at any time my enemies rejoice over me: and whilst my feet are moved, they speak great things against me.

For I am ready for scourges; and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity: and I will think for my sin.

But my enemies live, and are stronger than I: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

They that render evil for good, have detracted me, because I followed goodness.

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God! do not Thou depart from me.

Attend unto my help, O Lord! the God of my salvation.

Glory be, &c.

Psalm L. *Miserere.*

HAVE mercy on me, O Lord! according to Thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquity:

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To Thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before Thee: that Thou mayest be justified in Thy words, and mayest overcome when Thou art judged.

For behold, I was conceived in iniquities; and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold, Thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing Thou shalt give joy and gladness; and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God! and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from Thy face; and take not Thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust Thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to Thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God! Thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol Thy justice.

O Lord! Thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt offerings Thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God! Thou wilt not despise.

Deal favorably, O Lord! in Thy good-will with Sion; that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt Thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt offerings: then shall they lay calves upon Thy altar.

Glory be, &c.

PSALM CI. *Domine exaudi.*

HEAR, O Lord! my prayer; and let my cry come to Thee.

Turn not away Thy face from me: in the day when I am in trouble, incline Thy ear to me.

In what day soever I shall call upon Thee, hear me speedily.

For my days are vanished like smoke: and my bones have grown dry like fuel for the fire.

I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered: because I forgot to eat my bread.

Through the voice of my groaning, my bone hath cleaved to my flesh.

I am become like to a pelican of the wilderness: I am like a night-raven in the house.

I have watched and am become as a sparrow all alone on the house-top.

All the day long my enemies reproached me: and they that praised me didst swear against me.

For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of Thy anger and indignation: for having lifted me up Thou hast thrown me down.

My days have declined like a shadow, and I am withered like grass.

But Thou, O Lord! endurest for ever: and Thy memorial to all generations.

Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

For the stones thereof have pleased Thy servants: and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

And the gentiles shall fear Thy name, O Lord! and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

For the Lord hath built up Sion: and He shall be seen in His glory.

He hath had regard to the prayer of the humble and He hath not despised their petition.

Let these things be written unto another generation: and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord:

Because He hath looked forth from His high sanctuary: from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth:

That He might hear the groans of them that are in fetters: that He might release the children of the slain:

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion: and His praise in Jerusalem.

When the people assemble together, and kings, to serve the Lord.

He answered him in the way of his strength: Declare unto me the fewness of my days.

Call me not away in the midst of my days: Thy years are unto generation and generation.

In the beginning, O Lord! Thou foundedst the earth: and the heavens are the works of Thy hands.

They shall perish, but Thou remainest: and all of them shall grow old like a garment:

And as a vesture Thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed. But Thou art always the self-same, and Thy years shall not fail.

The children of Thy servants shall continue: and their seed shall be directed forever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALM CXXIX. *De profundis.*

OUT of the depths, I have cried to Thee, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord! wilt mark iniquities; Lord, who shall stand it?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness; and by reason of Thy law, I have waited for Thee, O Lord!

My soul hath relied on His word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him plentiful redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALM CXLII. *Domine exaudi.*

HEAR, O Lord! my prayer: give ear to my supplication in Thy truth: hear me in Thy justice.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant; for in Thy sight no man living shall be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul: he hath brought down my life to the earth.

He hath made me to dwell in darkness as those that have been dead of old: and my spirit is in anguish within me: my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered the days of old, I meditated on all Thy works: I meditated upon the works of Thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands to Thee: my soul is as earth without water unto Thee.

Hear me speedily, O Lord! my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not away Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear Thy mercy in the morning; for in Thee have I hoped.

Make known to me the way wherein I should walk: for I have lifted up my soul to Thee.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! to Thee have I fled: teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.

Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land: for Thy name's sake, O Lord! Thou wilt quicken me in Thy justice.

Thou wilt bring my soul out of trouble: and in Thy mercy Thou wilt destroy my enemies.

And Thou wilt cut off all them that afflict my soul: for I am Thy servant.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Anth. Remember not, O Lord! our offences, nor those of our parents, and take not revenge of our sins.

Preparation for Death.

Litany for a Happy Death.

LORD Jesus, God of Goodness, Father of mercies! I stand before Thee, with heart humbled, contrite, and full of compunction; to Thee I commend my last hour and all that awaits.

When my feet, motionless, shall warn me that my course is well-nigh run,

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

When my hands, trembling and benumbed, shall no more be able to clasp Thee crucified, and when in spite of myself I am forced to let Thee fall upon my bed of pain,

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

When my eyes, dim and distorted at the dread of approaching death, shall fix on Thee their languid, dying balls,

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

When my lips, cold and quivering, shall utter for the last time Thy most adorable name,

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

When my cheeks, pale and livid, inspire the bystanders with compassion and awe, and my hair, bathed in the sweat of death, stands erect upon my head and declares the hour is come,

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

When my ears, soon to be shut forever to the words of men, shall be opened to hear Thy voice pronouncing the sentence by which my condition is to be irrevocably fixed for all eternity,

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

When my imagination, preyed upon by horrible and fearful spectres, shall be drowned in mortal woe, and my spirit, stricken with the sight of my ill-doings and the fear of Thy justice, shall wrestle with the powers of darkness, striving to take from me the consoling sight of Thy

mercies and to cast me down headlong into the pit of despair,

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

When my weak heart, borne down with the pain of my disease, shall be overtaken with the horror of death, and be exhausted by the efforts it has made against the enemies of my salvation,

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

When I shed my last tears, sign of my dissolution, do Thou receive them as an expiatory sacrifice, that so I may expire a victim of penance; then in that dread moment,

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

When relatives and friends, compassing me round about, melt into tears at my sad state, and invoke Thee in my behalf,

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

When my senses are gone, and the world has vanished from my sight; and when in the anguish of my last agony and in the affright of death I groan,

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

When my heart's last throbbings shall force my soul to depart from my body, do Thou accept these throbbings as the children of a holy impatience, eager to come to Thee; and then do Thou,

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

When my soul, long tarrying upon the brink of my lips, shall issue forever out of this world, and leave my body pale, cold, and lifeless, Oh! do Thou accept this dissolution of my being as the homage which I render Thy divine majesty; and then do Thou,

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

Last of all, when my soul shall appear before Thee, and for the first time see the immortal brightness of Thy Majesty, Oh! cast it not away from Thy presence, but vouchsafe to receive it into the loving bosom of Thy tender mercy, there forever to sing Thy praises, world without end.

Merciful Jesus! have pity upon me.

PRAYER.

O GOD! Who condemning all men at once to die, hast yet concealed from them the moment and the hour of their death; grant that I, passing all the days of my life in justice and in holiness, may be made worthy to depart out of this world in Thy holy love; through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

A PLENARY INDULGENCE AT THE HOUR OF DEATH.

By a decree of the Congregation of Indulgences of March 9, 1904, His Holiness, Pope Pius X., has granted a Plenary Indulgence at the moment of death to all the faithful who, on any day they may choose, will receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion and make the following act for the love of God.

"My Lord God, even now resignedly and willingly I accept at Thy hand with all its anxieties, pains and sufferings, whatever kind of death it shall please Thee to be mine."

Devotions for the Sick.

Short Acts for the Sick.

MY God! I accept this sickness from Thy hands, and I resign myself entirely to Thy hands, whether it be for life or death. Not my will but Thine be done!

My God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love, and I am truly sorry for having offended Thee.

O Lord, I offer up to Thee all that I now suffer, or may have yet to suffer, to be united to the sufferings of my Redeemer and sanctified by His passion.

I love Thee, O my God! with my whole heart, and soul, above all things; at least, I desire so to love Thee. Oh! come now, take full possession of my soul, and teach me to love Thee forever. I wish to love my neighbor with perfect charity, for the love of Thee. I forgive, from my heart,

all who have in any way offended or injured me; and I ask pardon of all whom I have, in any way, offended or injured. Have mercy on me, O God! according to Thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquities.

O God! be merciful to me, a sinner. Jesus, Son of the living God! have mercy on me. Jesus, infinite Goodness! have mercy on me.

I renounce, from this moment and for all eternity, the devil and all his works, and I abhor all his suggestions and temptations. Suffer not this mortal enemy, O Lord of my soul! to have any power over me, either now or at my last hour.

I wish to die, to expiate by my sufferings and death all the sins which I have ever committed.

I wish to die, that I may no longer offend Thee—that I may love Thee, possess Thee, praise Thee, bless Thee, and glorify Thee forever in heaven.

O my God! I desire to love Thee with my whole heart, mind and strength. Oh!

how good hast Thou been to me! and how ungrateful have I been to Thee! I grieve from the bottom of my heart that I have ever offended Thee.

O Holy Mary! my Mother, who didst assist at the death of thy beloved Son Jesus, obtain for me the grace of a happy death. Hail Mary, &c.

O my holy Guardian Angel! defend me from all my enemies, and conduct my soul to heaven.

Lord Jesus! be mindful of Thy poor creature, whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy precious blood.

I desire to be dissolved and to be with Christ. Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit.

Sweet Jesus! receive my soul.

MY Saviour! Thou hast loved me much: my whole life has been one continued series of graces; and because Thou hast loved me much, Thou lovest me to the end—to my death, when Thou art my helper, my support, and my consolation.

Thou lovest me even after my death; Thou wilt then be my advocate with Thy Father.

O unspeakable goodness of Jesus, my Saviour! inflame my heart with the fire of Thy own divine charity, that I may desire ardently to receive Thee; and that I may truly say, what Thou didst deign to say in the institution of this adorable Sacrament; *With desire I have desired* to receive Thee. O my Saviour! I have an extreme desire to receive Thee, as my Viaticum. With St. John, I invite Thee to come: *Come, Lord Jesus.* Yes, my Saviour, I desire Thee with ardor. Come, come, O Jesus, come! be a Saviour to me; come, and finish the work of my salvation.

A PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE HOLY VIATICUM.

SACRED Viaticum! light of the blind, support of the weak, aliment of the strong, consolation of the dying, precious pledge of immortality, faithful and charitable guide, come to me, and conduct me safely to the delightful and eternal abode, which Thou hast, through love and mercy,

prepared for me, which Thou hast merited for me by Thy sufferings and by the effusion of Thy blood. Come, O God of light! come to my mind, and dissipate its darkness Come to my soul, O God of Sanctity! and replenish it with those graces, which flow in abundance from Thy adorable flesh and precious blood. Come to my heart, O God of charity! and inflame it with that ardor which is hidden with Thee in this adorable Sacrament, the furnace of sacred love. Come to my body, O God of all purity! to purify and sanctify this sinful flesh.

I accept, with an entire submission, death, which I have deserved; but I would wish Thee to receive as a sacrifice of love, what I am obliged to pay Thy justice, as a debt contracted by my sins. I wish to die, because I have deserved death; I wish to die, that I may be indissolubly united to Thee; but, above all, I wish to die, because such is Thy will. Strike then, my Lord and my God, when it shall please Thee, provided Thou Thyself dost prepare me. It is with these

dispositions, O my God and Saviour! that I desire to receive Thee. Come, my Jesus, come; my whole soul desires Thee. Come, and teach me to die well, that I may live forever with Thee in heaven.

A Prayer after Receiving the Holy Viaticum.

NOW, my God and Saviour, Thou art mine; Thou Thyself art my Viaticum. Glory and thanksgiving be to Thee, O Jesus! Who in Thy sweetness hast been pleased to visit my poor soul. Now, that Thou art come to me, I will never let Thee go. Nothing, O my Jesus! nothing shall ever separate me from Thee. *I desire to be dissolved, and to be with* Thee; *for* Thou *art my life, and to die will be my gain.* Now *I will fear no evils, though I walk in the midst of the shadow of death, for* Thou, O Lord! *art with me.* Thou hast come to be the companion of my soul in its journey to eternity. Thou sanctifiest, for the last time, my poor body and puttest the seal of immortality upon it. Thy glorified body, my Jesus, is applied to the body of Thy poor creature;

Thy very blood is running through my veins, and leaving everywhere the pledge and germ of a new life.

This divine Viaticum, which I have received, is my God, my Saviour, Who Himself has said: *I am the way, the truth and the life.* O adorable and sacred Viaticum! Thou art the way that conductest me, the truth that enlightenest me, and the life that deliverest me from spiritual and eternal death. O my God and Saviour! divine Viaticum! how truly Thou art to me the *way*, the *truth* and the *life!*

What have I now to fear. Being thus armed and fortified, I need not dread the most formidable enemies I may have to encounter, since I possess, in the sacred Viaticum, the Lord of Hosts, Who Himself combats in me and for me. Lord, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

A PRAYER BEFORE EXTREME UNCTION.

THOU hast mercifully provided remedies, O Lord! for all our necessities; grant me Thy grace so to make use of

them, that my soul may receive all those good effects which Thou hadst in view in their institution.

Now I desire to be anointed as Thou hast commanded by Thy Apostle: grant, I beseech Thee, that by this holy unction and by the prayers of the Church, I may partake of that spirit with which Christ suffered on the cross for Thy glory and for the destruction of sin. Give me true patience to support all the pains, weariness and disgust which I may still have to endure; give me that true light by which I may be conducted through the shadow of death to eternal happiness. If Thou foreseest that my health will be conducive to Thy greater glory, and expedient for my eternal salvation, let this be the means to restore it. Dispose of me as Thou thinkest best; all my desire is the accomplishment of Thy will; give health or sickness, life or death; not my will, but Thine be done: it is a greater happiness to fulfil Thy adorable will than to enjoy ten thousand lives. How happy should I be if the destruction of my body

could repair the injuries I have offered to Thy Divine Majesty! My eyes, alas, have seen vanities; my ears have been open to sinful and unprofitable discourses; my tongue has many ways offended in speaking and tasting; my hands have contributed to innumerable follies; my feet have gone astray in the paths of iniquity. By this holy unction, and by the prayers of Thy holy Church, pardon me, O Jesus! all the sins I have committed by the gratification of my senses. Let those avenues, through which sin has made its way into my soul, be now closed to the world; let my eyes be open to Thee alone: my ears attentive to Thy sacred word; my tongue solely employed in soliciting mercy. Let my prayers ascend like incense in Thy sight; let my hands be lifted up to heaven for pardon; may my feet walk in Thy ways, and my heart be the living temple of the Holy Ghost. Into Thy hands, O dear Jesus! I commend my spirit. In Thee I will live; in Thee I will die; in Thee I hope to possess eternal rest for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer after Extreme Unction.

O MY Jesus! Thou hast, with Thy own blood, purified and sanctified my whole being: for this, and all other blessings, I offer Thee the pure and perfect thanksgiving Thou receivest from Thy Blessed Mother and all the Saints. I do not desire to be freed from my pains; Thou knowest what is best for me: give me patience to suffer whatever Thou pleasest, and as long as Thou pleasest. If it be Thy divine will to inflict on my weak body still greater punishments than those I now endure, my heart is ready, O Lord! my heart is ready to accept them, and suffer in whatever manner shall be conformable to Thy holy will. This one grace I most earnestly beg of Thee, my God, that I may die the death of Thy elect, and be admitted, after the sufferings and tribulations of this transitory life, into the kingdom of Thy glory, there to see, praise, and love Thee for all eternity. *Amen, most compassionate and most bountiful Jesus, Amen.*

UNION WITH THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, FOR THE TIME OF OUR AGONY.

O MY Saviour! to ease the agony I must endure, Thou didst suffer a mortal agony Thyself. At this moment, my soul is sorrowful unto death; let then the sadness and sorrow of Thy agony sanctify mine. Oh! let the sweat of blood, which came from Thy adorable body, sanctify my sweat of death! Support and comfort me, Thy poor child, and grant me a speedy deliverance from this agony; but Thy will, not mine, be done.

O my Saviour! Saviour of the greatest sinners! Thou receivedst with kindness the kiss of Judas, calledst him friend at the moment he betrayed Thee; Thou didst look with compassion on St. Peter, who denied Thee, and didst call for pardon on the Jews who crucified Thee. Oh! then, my Saviour, pardon me; pardon my sins of malice like those of Judas, my sins of weakness like those of St. Peter, and my sins of ignorance like those of the Jews. Thou ceasest not to be Saviour; the Friend of sinners, the Lamb of God, Who

takest away the sins of the world: give me then the kiss of peace, which Judas did not profit by; the look of mercy, which converted St. Peter; and grant me the pardon Thou didst invoke on Thy murderers.

My Saviour and my God! do not leave me; I am in the fire of tribulation. I have no consolation, no help, no salvation but in Thee. Remember Thou didst suffer to save me; apply to me, at this moment, which is to decide my eternal lot, the merits of the blood Thou didst shed for me, that all my sins may be blotted out. Let Thy humiliations repair my sins of pride; Thy blows and wounds my hateful sensualities; Thy obedience unto death, my disobedience and revolts. O my Saviour, say to me, Thy poor sinful child trusting in Thy mercy, what Thou didst say to the sinner converted at Thy side: *This day, Thou shalt be with Me in Paradise.* Let me hide in Thy wounds and take shelter in Thy heart. In this trying hour, say to Thy Mother for me: Behold thy child. My Jesus! my God; into Thy hands I commend my spirit.

PRAYERS TO BE RECITED BY THE ASSISTANTS WHEN A DYING PERSON LOSES THE USE OF SPEECH.

LORD Jesus Christ! we beseech Thee, by Thy bitter agony and prayer in the garden, that Thou wouldst be pleased to be an advocate with Thy Eternal Father, in behalf of this Thy servant. Lay before Him all those drops of blood, which, in Thy anguish of spirit, flowed from Thy body, and offer them for the remission of all his [her] sins; that, in this hour of extremity, he [she] may be discharged from that handwriting of sin which stands against him [her], and from that punishment which he [she] fears to be too justly due to his [her] sins.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

LORD Jesus Christ! Who for our salvation, was pleased to suffer death on the cross; we beseech Thee to offer up all anguish and pains which Thou didst then endure, and most especially at the hour of Thy death, in behalf of this Thy servant, that they may be accepted in his

[her] favor, for the good of his [her] soul, for the obtaining of a happy hour, and for the release from that punishment which he [she] has deserved for his [her] sins.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

LORD Jesus Christ! Who hadst so boundless a love for man, that it induced Thee to become a man for our salvation, we beseech Thee to let this Thy infinite charity and goodness towards mankind, so plead with Thy eternal Father in behalf of this Thy poor servant, that, by Thy powerful mediation, his [her] soul, at the moment of its departure from the body, being freed from the bonds of sin, may find a free admittance through the gate that leads to the mansions of eternal bliss.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

LORD Jesus Christ! Who by Thy precious blood hast redeemed us; we beseech Thee to imprint deeply on the soul of this Thy servant the memory of

Thy most sacred wounds, that having them perpetually in his [her] sight, he [she] may be encouraged to suffer with patience and resignation, and be armed against all the pangs of death. Thus let him [her] cheerfully submit to all the difficulties of his[her] condition, and begin, even here, to be united to Thee with a love that shall never end.

Grant him [her] now to partake of the fruit of Thy holy incarnation, of Thy bitter passion, of Thy glorious resurrection and admirable ascension.

Grant that he [she] may be sensible of the effects of Thy holy mysteries and sacraments, and of all the prayers which are offered to Thee by the whole Church.

REMEMBER, O Lord! that Thou wast once in the straits of death; that in this extremity, after crying out to Thy eternal Father, and commending Thy spirit to Him, Thou didst expire. Behold now this Thy servant in his [her] anguish crying aloud to Thee; stand Thou by him [her], defend and comfort him [her] in

this his [her] distress, and receive his [her] soul into Thy merciful embraces.

REMEMBER, O Jesus! that Thy arms were stretched forth, Thy side opened, and Thy sacred head bowed down on the cross; have regard now, we beseech Thee, for the soul of this Thy servant, which departing out of this world, seeks refuge in Thee; receive it into Thy arms, clasp it to Thy breast, and there let it hide itself, secure from the attacks of all its enemies, till the anger of God pass over. Into Thy hands we commend his [her] spirit, which has been created and redeemed by Thee; despise not, we beseech Thee, the work of Thy hands.

O CHRIST Jesus! Who wast crucified for our redemption! we beseech Thee, by that love which brought Thee from heaven, to have compassion on the soul of this Thy servant; forgive him [her] all his [her] sins, and by the merits of Thy bitter passion, satisfy for all his [her] failings, and supply his [her] de-

fects. Lord! let him [her] now experience the multitude of Thy tender mercies, and be sensible of Thy infinite goodness. Dispose his [her] soul by Thy grace, that she may be prepared at Thy call to go forth to meet Thee her heavenly bridegroom; grant him [her], we beseech Thee, true patience and perfect resignation in his [her] pains and anguish; give him [her] a full discharge from all his [her] sins; confirm his [her] faith; strengthen his [her] hope, and perfect his [her] charity, that, departing hence, his [her] soul may be received into Thy mercy. O dear Redeemer! by that distress which Thou didst suffer on the cross, when Thou criedst out to Thy eternal Father, we pray Thee to show mercy to this Thy servant, in his [her] extremity: hear the desires of his [her] heart; and since he [she] is now deprived of the faculty of speech, speak Thou for him [her], we beseech Thee, Who art the eternal Word, and to Whom the Father will refuse nothing.

BY Thy victory over death, and the infinite merits of Thy passion, we beseech Thee, in behalf of this Thy servant, to send thoughts of peace, mercy and comfort, and not those of affliction. Bear him [her] up against all distrust and despair, deliver him [her] from his [her] necessities, and be his [her] comforter in his [her] distress. Let those hands which were once nailed to the cross now plead for him [her] and obtaining his [her] pardon, conduct him [her] into Thy eternal rest. *Amen.*

The Recommendation of a Soul Departing.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Holy Mary,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
Holy Abel,
All ye choirs of the just,
Holy Abraham,
St. John the Baptist,
St. Joseph,

Pray for him [her]

All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. John,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
All ye holy disciples of our Lord,
All ye holy Innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
All ye holy martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Augustine,
All ye holy bishops and confessors,
St. Benedict,
St. Francis,
St. Camillus,
St. John of God,
All ye holy monks and hermits,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Lucy,
All ye holy virgins and widows,

Pray for him [her].

All ye saints of God, make intercession for him [her].

Be merciful, Spare him [her], O Lord!
Be merciful, Deliver him [her], O Lord!
Be merciful, Receive him [her], O Lord!
From Thy anger,
From the danger of death,
From an ill end,
From the pains of hell,
From all evil,
From the power of the devil,
Through Thy nativity,
Through Thy cross and passion,
Through Thy death and burial,
Through Thy glorious resurrection,
Through Thy admirable ascension,
Through the grace of the Holy Ghost Comforter,
In the day of judgment,
Deliver him [her], O Lord.
We, sinners, beseech Thee to hear us.
That Thou spare him [her], We beseech Thee to hear us.
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Let us Pray.

DEPART, O Christian soul! out of this miserable world, in the name of God

the Father Almighty, Who created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, Who suffered for thee; in the name of the Holy Ghost, Who sanctified thee; in the name of the Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominations, Cherubim and Seraphim; in the name of the Patriarchs and Prophets, of the holy Apostles and Evangelists, of the holy Martyrs and Confessors, of the holy Monks and Hermits, of the holy Virgins, and of all the Saints of God; let thy place be this day in peace, and thy abode in holy Sion; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GOD of clemency! God of goodness! O God! Who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, forgivest the sins of such as repent, and graciously remittest the guilt of their past offences, mercifully regard this Thy servant, *N.*, and grant him [her] a full discharge from all his [her] sins, who most earnestly begs it of Thee. Renew, O most merciful Father! whatever is corrupt in him [her] through human frailty, or by the snares of the

enemy; make him [her] a true member of the Church, and let him [her] partake of the fruit of Thy redemption. Have compassion, O Lord! on his [her] tears, and admit him [her] to the sacrament of Thy reconciliation, who has no hope but in Thee; through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

I RECOMMEND thee, dear brother [sister], to Almighty God, and commit thee to His mercy, Whose creature thou art; that having paid the common debt by surrendering thy soul, thou mayest return to thy Maker, Who formed thee out of the earth. May therefore, the noble company of Angels meet thy soul at its departure; may the court of the Apostles receive thee; may the triumphant army of glorious Martyrs conduct thee; may the crowd of joyful Confessors encompass thee; may the choir of blessed Virgins go before thee; and may a happy rest be thy portion in the company of the Patriarchs. May Jesus Christ appear to thee with a mild and cheerful countenance, and give thee a place among those who are to be in His presence for-

ever. Mayest thou be a stranger to all who are condemned to darkness, chastised with flames, and punished with torments. May God command thy wicked enemy, with all his evil spirits, to depart from thee. At thy approach, encompassed by angels, may the infernal spirits tremble and retire into the horrid confusion of eternal night. May thy God arise, and thy enemies be put to flight. May all who hate Him fly before His face; let them vanish like smoke; or as wax before the fire, so let sinners perish in the sight of God. But as to the just, let them rejoice and be happy in His presence. May all the ministers of hell be filled with confusion and shame, and let no evil spirit dare to stop thy course to heaven. May Christ Jesus, Who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from torments; may He deliver thee from eternal death, Who for Thy sake vouchsafed to die. May Christ Jesus, the Son of the living God, place thee in His garden of Paradise; and may He, the true Shepherd, own thee for one of His flock. May He absolve thee from

all thy sins, and place thee at His right hand, in the inheritance of His elect. Oh! may it be thy happy lot to behold thy Redeemer face to face; to be ever in His presence, in the beatific vision of that Eternal Truth, which is the joy of the blessed. And thus placed among those happy spirits, mayest thou be forever filled with heavenly sweetness. *Amen.*

Receive Thy servant, O Lord! into that place, where he [she] may hope for salvation from Thy mercy. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant from all the dangers of hell, and from all pain and tribulation. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Enoch and Elias from the common death of the world. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Noah in the flood. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Abraham from the midst of the Chaldeans. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Job from all his afflictions. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Isaac from being sacrificed by his father. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Lot from Sodom, and the flames of fire. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Moses from the hands of Pharoah king of Egypt. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Daniel from the lion's den. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst the three children from the fiery furnace, and from the hands of an unmerciful king. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Susanna from her false accusers. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst David from the hands of Saul and Goliath. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant, as Thou deliveredst Peter and Paul out of prison. *Amen.*

And as Thou deliveredst that blessed Virgin and Martyr, St. Thecla, from most cruel torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this Thy servant, and bring it to the participation of Thy heavenly joys. *Amen.*

Let us Pray.

WE commend to Thee, O Lord! the soul of Thy servant, and beseech Thee, O Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world! that, as in Thy mercy to him [her], Thou becamest man, so now Thou wouldst vouchsafe to admit him [her] into the number of the blessed Remember, O Lord that he [she] is Thy creature, not made by strange gods, but by Thee, the only true and living God; for there is no other God but Thee, and none can work Thy wonders. Let him [her] soul find comfort in Thy sight, and remember not his [her] former sins, nor any of those excesses which he [she] has fallen into, through the violence of passion and corruption.

For although he [she] has sinned, yet he [she] has still retained a true faith in Thee, Father, Son and Holy Ghost; he [she] has had a zeal for Thy honor, and faithfully adored Thee, his [her] God, and the Creator of all things.

REMEMBER not, O Lord! the sins and ignorances of his [her] youth; but according to Thy great mercy, be mindful of him [her] in Thy eternal glory. Let the heavens be opened to him [her], and let the Angels rejoice with him [her]. May St. Michael, the Archangel, the chief of the heavenly host, conduct him [her]; may blessed Peter, the Apostle, to whom were given the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive him [her]; may holy Paul, the Apostle, and chosen vessel of election, assist him [her]; may St. John, the beloved disciple, to whom the secrets of heaven were revealed, intercede for him [her]; may all the holy Apostles, to whom was given the power of binding and loosing, pray for him [her]; may all the chosen Servants and blessed Martyrs of

God, who, in this world, have suffered torments for the sake of Christ, intercede for him [her]; that, being delivered from this body of corruption, he [she] may be admitted into the kingdom of heaven: through the assistance and merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost: world without end. *Amen.*

If the sick person continues in distress of agony, it may be proper for the assistants to continue in prayer, repeating the preceding prayers, or saying the Penitential Psalms.

When the soul has departed, the following Responsory is to be said:

COME to his [her] assistance, all ye Saints of God; meet him [her], all ye Angels of God; receive his [her] soul, and present it now before its Lord. May Jesus Christ receive him [her], and the Angels conduct him [her] to his [her] place of rest; may they receive his [her] soul, and present it now before its Lord.

℣. Eternal rest grant him [her], O Lord! and let perpetual light shine upon

him [her]. May the Angels present him [her] now before the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

℣. And lead us not into temptation.

℟. But deliver us from evil.

℣. Eternal rest grant him [her], O Lord!

℣. And let perpetual light shine upon him [her].

℣. From the gates of hell,

℟. Deliver his [her] soul, O Lord!

℣. May he [she] rest in peace.

℟. *Amen.*

℣. O Lord! hear my prayer;

℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

LET US PRAY.

TO Thee, O Lord! we recommend the soul of Thy servant *N.*, that being dead to this world, he [she] may live to Thee; and whatever sins he [she] has committed through human frailty, we beseech

Thee, in Thy goodness, mercifully to pardon: through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the following prayer for the assistants may be added:

GRANT, O Lord! that, while we here lament the departure of Thy servant, we may ever remember that we are most certainly to follow him [her]. Give us grace to prepare for that last hour, by a good life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden death; but be ever watching when Thou shalt call, that so with the Spouse, we may enter into eternal glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Vespers.

OR THE EVENING OFFICE.

For Sundays.

Pater noster, &c.
Ave Maria, &c.

Our Father, &c.
Hail Mary, &c.

DEUS, in adjutorium meum intende.

INCLINE unto my aid, O God!

℟. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

℟. O Lord! make haste to help me.

℣. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui sancto.

℣. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluia.

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

From Septuagesima Sunday *till* Holy Thursday:

Laus tibi, Domine, Rexæternæ gloriæ.

Praise be to Thee, O Lord! King of eternal glory.

PSALMUS 109.

DIXIT Dominus Domino meo: *Sede a dextris meis:

Donec ponam inimicos tuos, *scabellum pedum tuorum.

Virgam virtutis tuæ emittet Dominus ex Sion: *dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum.

Tecum principium in die virtutis tuæ in splendoribus sanctorum: *ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

Juravit Dominus et non pœnitebit eum: * Tu es sacerdos in æternum secundum ordinem Melchisedech.

Dominus a dextris tuis, * confregit, in die iræ suæ reges.

PSALM 109.

THE LORD said to my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand.

Until I make Thy enemies Thy foot-stool.

The Lord will send forth the sceptre of Thy power out of Sion: rule Thou in the midst of Thy enemies.

With Thee is the principality in the day of Thy strength; in the brightness of the Saints: from the womb before the day-star I begot Thee.

The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever according to the order of Melchisedech.

The Lord at Thy right hand hath broken kings in the day of His wrath.

Judicabit in nationibus, implebit ruinas: * conquassabit capita in terra multorum.

He shall judge among nations; He shall fill ruins: He shall crush the heads in the land of many.

De torrente in via bibet: * propterea exaltabit caput.

He shall drink of the torrent in the way: therefore shall He lift up His head.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALMUS 110.

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CONFITEBOR tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo: *in concilio justorum, et congregatione.

I WILL praise Thee, O Lord! with my whole heart; in the council of the just and in the congregation.

Magna opera Domini: *exquisita in omnes voluntates ejus.

Great are the works of the Lord; sought out according to all His wills.

Confessio et magnificentia opus ejus: *et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

His work is praise and magnificence: and His justice continueth for ever and ever.

Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum, mise-

He hath made a remembrance of His

ricors et miserator Dominus: *escam dedit timentibus se.

wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious Lord: He hath given food to them that fear Him.

Memor erit in sæculum testamenti sui: * virtutem operum suorum annuntiabit populo suo:

He will be mindful for ever of His covenant: He will show forth to His people the power of His works.

Ut det illis hæreditatem gentium: *opera manuum ejus, veritas et judicium.

That He may give them the inheritance of the Gentiles: the works of His hands are truth and judgment.

Fidelia omnia mandata ejus: confirmata in sæculum sæculi; * facta in veritate et æquitate.

All His commandments are faithful, confirmed for ever and ever, made in truth and equity.

Redemptionem misit populo suo: *mandavit in æternum testamentum suum.

He hath sent redemption to His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever.

Sanctum et terribile nomen ejus: *initium sapientiæ timor Domini.

Holy and terrible is His name: the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Intellectus bonus omnibus facientibus eum: *laudatio ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

A good understanding to all that do it: His praise continueth for ever and ever.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Glory, &c.

PSALMUS 111.

BEATUS vir, qui timet Dominum: * in mandatis ejus volet nimis.

Potens in terra erit semen ejus: *generatio rectorum benedicetur.

Gloria et divitiæ in domo ejus: et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis: misericors, et miserator, et justus.

Jucundus homo qui miseretur et commo-

PSALM 111.

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Glory and wealth shall be in his house: and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

To the righteous a light is risen up in darkness: He is merciful and compassionate and just.

Acceptable is the man that showeth

dat, disponet sermones suos in judicio: *quia in æternum non commovebitur.

mercy and lendeth: he shall order his words with judgment: because he shall not be moved for ever.

In memoriâ æternâ erit justus: *ab auditione malâ non timebit.

The just shall be in everlasting remembrance: he shall not fear the evil hearing.

Paratum cor ejus sperare in Domino, confirmatum est cor ejus: * non commovebitur donec despiciat inimicos suos.

His heart is ready to hope in the Lord: his heart is strengthened; he shall not be moved until he look down on his enemies.

Dispersit, dedit pauperibus: justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi, cornu ejus exaltabitur in gloriâ.

He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor: his justice remaineth for ever and ever: his horn shall be exalted in glory.

Peccator videbit, et irascetur; dentibus suis fremet et tabescet: *desiderium peccatorum peribit.

The wicked shall see, and shall be angry; he shall gnash with his teeth, and pine away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Glory, &c.

PSALMUS 112.

LAUDATE, pueri, Dominum: *laudate nomen Domini.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum, *ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

A solis ortu usque ad occasum, *laudabile nomen Domini.

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus, * et super cœlos gloria ejus.

Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in altis habitat, *et humilia respicit in cœlo et in terrâ?

Suscitans à terrâ inopem, *et de stercore erigens pauperem:

Ut collecet eum cum principibus, * cum

PSALM 112.

PRAISE the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth now and for ever.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

The Lord is high above all nations; and His glory above the heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, and looketh down on the low things in heaven and earth?

Raising up the needy from the earth, and lifting up the poor out of the dunghill:

That He may place him with princes, with

principibus populi sui.

Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo, *matrem filiorum lætantem.

Gloria Patri, &c.

the princes of His people.

Who maketh the barren woman to dwell in a house, the joyful mother of children.

Glory, &c.

PSALMUS 113.

IN exitu Israel de Ægypto, * domus Jacob de populo barbaro.

Facta est Judæa sanctificatio ejus, * Israel potestas ejus.

Mare vidit, et fugit: * Jordanis conversus est retrorsum.

Montes exultaverunt ut arietes: * et colles sicut agni ovium.

Quid est tibi mare quod fugisti: * et tu Jordanis, quia conversus es retrorsum?

PSALM 113.

WHEN Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a barbarous people:

Judea was made His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

The sea saw, and fled: Jordan was turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams, and the hills like the lambs of the flock.

What aileth thee, O thou Sea! that thou didst flee? and thou, O Jordan! that thou wast turned back?

Montes exultastis sicut arietes, * et colles sicut agni ovium?

Ye Mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye Hills, like lambs of the flock?

A facie Domini mota est terra, * à facie Dei Jacob.

At the presence of the Lord the earth was moved, at the presence of the God of Jacob:

Qui convertit petram in stagna aquarum, * et rupem in fontes aquarum.

Who turned the rock into pools of waters, and the stony hill into fountains of waters.

Non nobis Domine, non nobis: * sed nomini tuo da gloriam.

Not to us, O Lord! not to us; but to Thy name give glory.

Super misericordiâ tuâ, et veritate tuâ: * nequando dicant gentes: Ubi est Deus eorum?

For Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake: lest the Gentiles should say: Where is their God?

Deus autem noster in cœlo: * omnia quæcumque voluit, fecit.

But our God is in heaven: He hath done all things whatsoever He would.

Simulacra gentium argentum et aurum, * opera manuum hominum.

The idols of the Gentiles are silver and gold, the works of the hands of men.

Os habent, et non loquentur: * oculos

They have mouths, and speak not; they

habent, et non videbunt.

Aures habent, et non audient; * nares habent, et non odorabunt.

Manus habent, et non palpabunt: pedes habent, et non ambulabunt: * non clamabunt in gutture suo.

Similes illis fiant qui faciunt ea: * et omnes qui confidunt in eis.

Domus Israel speravit in Domino: * adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

Domus Aaron speravit in Domino: * adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

Qui timent Dominum, speraverunt in Domino: * adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

have eyes, and see not:

They have ears, and hear not; they have noses, and smell not:

They have hands, and feel not: they have feet, and walk not neither shall they cry out through their throat:

Let them that make them, become like unto them, and all such as trust in them.

The house of Israel hath hoped in the Lord: He is their helper and their protector.

The house of Aaron hath hoped in the Lord: He is their helper and their protector.

They that fear the Lord have hoped in the Lord: He is their helper and their protector.

Dominus memor fuit nostri; * et benedixit nobis.

Benedixit domui Israel: * benedixit domui Aaron.

Benedixit omnibus, qui timent Dominum,* pusillis cum majoribus.

Adjiciat Dominus super vos; * super vos, et super filios vestros.

Benedicti vos a Domino * qui fecit cœlum et terram.

Cœlum cœli Domino; * terram autem dedit filiis hominum.

Non mortui laudabunt te, Domine: * neque omnes qui descendunt in infernum.

Sed nos qui vivimus, benedicimus Domino, * ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

Gloria Patri, &c.

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and hath blessed us.

He hath blessed the house of Israel; he hath blessed the house of Aaron.

He hath blessed all that fear the Lord, both little and great.

May the Lord add blessings upon you; upon you and upon your children.

Blessed be you of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

The heaven of heaven is the Lord's, but the earth He hath given to the children of men.

The dead shall not praise Thee, O Lord! nor any of them that go down to hell.

But we that live bless the Lord, from this time now and for ever.

Glory, &c.

The following Psalm is sung on sundry festivals, in place of the foregoing.

PSALMUS 116.

LAUDATE Dominum, omnes gentes: * laudate eum, omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: * et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

Gloria Patri, &c.

PSALM 116.

PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people.

For His mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.

Glory, &c.

CAPITULUM, 2 Cor. i.

BENEDICTUS Deus et Pater Domini nostri Jesu Christi, Pater misercordiarum et Deus totius consolationis, qui consolatur nos in omni tribulatione nostrâ.

℟. Deo gratias.

BLESSED be God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation.

℟. Thanks be to God.

THE HYMN.

LUCIS Creator optime,
Lucem dierum proferens,
Primordiis lucis novæ,
Mundi parans originem.

OGREAT Creator of the light!
Who from the darksome womb of night,
Brought'st forth new light at nature's birth,
To shine upon the face of earth,

Qui mane junctum vesperi,
Diem vocari præcipis:
Illabitur tetrum chaos,
Audi preces cum fletibus.

Who, by the morn and evening ray,
Hast measured time and called it day:
Whilst sable night around us falls;
Vouchsafe to hear our tearful calls;

Ne mens gravata crimine,
Vitæ sit exul munere,
Dum nil perenne cogitat,
Seseque culpis illigat.

Lest our frail mind with sin defiled,
From gift of life should be exiled,
Whilst on no heavenly thing she thinks,
But twines herself in Satan's links.

Cœleste pulset ostium,
Vitale tollat præmium:
Vitemus omne noxium:
Purgemus omne pessimum.

Oh, may she soar to heaven above,
The happy seat of life and love;
Meantime all sinful actions shun,
And satisfy for evil done.

Præsta, Pater piissime,
Patrique compar Unice,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,
Regnans per omne sæculum. Amen.

This prayer, most gracious Father! hear;
Thy equal Son, incline His ear,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

℣. Dirigatur, Domine, oratio mea.

℟. Sicut incensum in conspectu tuo.

℣. May my prayer O Lord! be directed.

℟. As incense in Thy sight.

The MAGNIFICAT, *or the Canticle of the Blessed Virgin.*

St. Luke, i.

MAGNIFICAT * anima mea Dominum.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord.

Et exultavit Spiritus meus * in Deo salutari meo.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ, * ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

Because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid: for, behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est; *

For He that is mighty hath done

et sanctum nomen ejus.

great things to me: and holy is His name.

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies, * timentibus eum.

And His mercy is from generation to generation, to them that fear Him.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo: * dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

He hath showed might in His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

Deposuit potentes de sede: * et exaltavit humiles.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble.

Esurientes implevit bonis: * et divites dimisit inanes.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent away empty.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum: * recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

He hath received Israel His servant, being mindful of His mercy.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros; * Abraham et semini ejus in sæcula.

As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Glory, &c.

Then follows the prayer, which is different every Sunday.

℣. Dominus vobiscum.	℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. Et cum spiritu tuo.	℟. And with thy spirit.
℣. Benedicamus Domino.	℣. Let us bless the Lord.
℟. Deo gratias.	℟. Thanks be to God.
℣. Fidelium animæ, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.	℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
℟. Amen.	℟. Amen.
Pater noster, &c.	Our Father, &c.

When Compline is not said immediately after Vespers, after the verse, *Fidelium animae* and the *Pater noster,* is said:

℣. Dominus det nobis suam pacem.	℣. The Lord grant us His peace.
℟. Et vitam æternam. Amen.	℟. And life everlasting. Amen.

Then is said one of the following anthems, according to the time.

The Anthem, from the first Sunday of Advent, till the Purification, inclusively.

ALMA Redemptoris Mater quæ pervia cœli.
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
Surgere qui curat populo; tu quæ genuisti,
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem,
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

MOTHER of Jesus, heaven's open gate.
Star of the sea, support the fallen state.
Of mortals; thou whose womb thy Maker bore;
And yet, strange thing, a virgin, as before;
Who didst, from Gabriel's hail, this news receive,
Repenting sinners by thy prayers relieve.

In Advent.

℣. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ.

℟. Et concepit de Spiritu sancto.

℣. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

℟. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

OREMUS.

GRATIAM tuam quæsumus Domine, mentibus nostris infunde; ut qui, Angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per pas-

LET US PRAY.

POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord! Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the

sionem ejus et crucem ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur, Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.

℟. Amen.

message of an angel, may, by His passion and cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection; Through the same Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

After Advent.

℣. Post partum Virgo inviolata permansisti.

℟. Dei genitrix, intercede pro nobis.

℣. After childbirth, thou didst remain an inviolate virgin.

℟. Mother of God, make intercession for us.

OREMUS.

DEUS, qui salutis æternæ beatæ Mariæ virginitate fœcundâ, humano generi præmia, præstitisti: tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus auctorem vitæ suscipere Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum filium tuum. Amen.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD! who by the fruitful virginity of the blessed Virgin Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may be sensible of the benefits of her intercession, by whom we have received the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

From the Purification till Easter.

AVE, regina cœlorum,
Ave, Domina angelorum;

Salve, radix, salve, porta,

Ex quâ mundo lux est orta.
Gaude Virgo gloriosa,

Super omnes speciosa;

Vale ô valde decora,

Et pro nobis Christum exora.

HAIL, Mary, Queen of heavenly spheres.
Hail, whom the angelic host reveres.
Hail, fruitful Root; hail, sacred gate,
Whence the world's light derives its date.
O glorious Maid, with beauty blessed!
May joys eternal fill thy breast.
Thus crowned with beauty and with joy,
Thy prayers with Christ for us employ.

℣. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata.

℣. Vouchsafe, O Sacred Virgin! to accept my praise.

℟. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

℟. Give me power against thy enemies.

OREMUS.

CONCEDE, misericors Deus fragilitati nostræ præsidium ut qui sanctæ Dei genitricis memoriam agimus, intercessioni s ejus auxilio â nostris iniquitatibus resurga-

LET US PRAY.

GRANT us, O merciful God! strength against all our weakness; that we, who celebrate the memory of the holy Mother of God, may, by the help of her intercession,

mus. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.

℟. Amen.

rise again from our iniquities. Through the same Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

From Easter until Trinity Sunday.

REGINA cœli lætare, Alleluia;

Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia;

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, Alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia.

℣. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria, Alleluia.

℟. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, Alleluia..

OQUEEN of heaven! rejoice, Alleluia;

For He whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia;

Is risen again, as He said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

℣. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary! Alleluia!

℟. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

OREMUS.

DEUS, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi, mundum lætificare dignatus es;

LET US PRAY.

O GOD! who by the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to fill the

præsta, quæsumus, ut per ejus genitricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuæ capiamus gaudia vitæ. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.

℟. Amen.

world with joy; grant, we beseech Thee, that by the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

From Trinity Sunday till Advent.

SALVE, Regina, mater misericordiæ, vita, dulcedo, et spes, nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus exules filii Hevæ. Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes, in hac lacrymarum valle.

Eia ergo, Advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.

Et Jesum benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis, post hoc exilium ostende;

HAIL, O Queen, O Mother of mercy! hail, our life, our Comfort, and our Hope.

We, the banished children of Eve, cry out unto thee. To thee we send up our sighs, groaning and weeping in this vale of tears.

Come, then, our Advocate, and look upon us with those thy pitying eyes.

And after this our banishment, show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb.

O clemens! O pia! O dulcis Virgo Maria!

O clement! O pious! O sweet Virgin Mary!

℣. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix!

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God!

℟. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

OREMUS.

OMNIPOTENS sempiterne Deus, qui gloriosæ Virginis Matris Mariæ corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici mereretur, Spiritu sancto cooperante, præparasti; da, ut cujus commemoratione lætamur, ejus pia intercessione ab instantibus malis, et a morte perpetuâ liberemur. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum.

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God! who by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother, Mary, that she might become a worthy habitation for Thy Son; grant, that as with joy we celebrate her memory, so by her pious intercession we may be delivered from present evils and eternal death through the same Christ, our Lord.

℟. Amen.

℟. Amen.

℣. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

℟. Amen.

℣. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

℟. Amen.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

O Salutaris.

O SALUTARIS Hostia,

Qui cœli pandis ostium:

Bella premunt hostilia:

Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino

Sit sempiterna gloria,

Qui vitam sine termino.

Nobis donet in patria.

O SAVING Victim! opening wide

The gate of Heaven to man below!

Our foes press on from every side;

Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

To Thy great Name be endless praise,

Immortal Godhead! One in Three!

O grant us endless length of days

In our true native land with Thee!

Tantum Ergo.

TANTUM ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

TO this mysterious table now,
Our knees, our hearts, and sense, we bow;
Let ancient rites resign their place
To nobler elements of grace,
And faith for all defects supply,
Whilst sense is lost in mystery.

Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque,
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

To God the Father, born of none,
To Christ His co-eternal Son,
And Holy Ghost, whose equal rays
From both proceed, one equal praise,
On honor, jubilee, and fame,
For ever bless His glorious name. Amen.

℣. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis.

℣. Thou hast given them bread from heaven.

℟. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

℟. Replenished with all sweetness and delight.

OREMUS.

DEUS, qui nobis, sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

℟. Amen.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, who, under a wonderful Sacrament, hast left us a memorial of Thy passion: grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may ever feel within ourselves the fruit of Thy Redemption. Who livest and reignest, world without end.

R. Amen.

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